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An Ordinance to make provision for the publication of the Ordinances and subsidiary legislation of Sarawak and other enactments applicable to Sarawak in annual volumes under the direction of the State Attorney General and to make incidental provisions.

[1st January, 1954]

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Written Law (Simplified Publication) Ordinance.

Manner in which *Gazette* shall be published

2.—(1) Subject to section 4, the *Gazette* shall be published in separate Parts containing the respective matter specified in the Schedule.

(2) It shall not be necessary to indicate in Part V of the *Gazette*, or in such Part as may from time to time contain matter not directed to be published in a separate Part, what matter has been published in other Parts thereof.

(3) Any Part of the *Gazette* published in accordance with this Ordinance shall be deemed to be published by order of the Government within the meaning of the definition of “*Gazette*” in the Interpretation Ordinance, 2005 [*Cap. 61*].

(4) The definition of the word “*Gazette*” in this section shall be as defined in the Interpretation Ordinance, 2005 [*Cap. 61*].

[Am. Ord. No. 2/57; Am. Cap. 61; Am. Cap. A139.]

Each Part of the *Gazette* to be bound separately annually under the direction of the State Attorney General

3.—(1) The matter in each Part of the *Gazette* shall, as soon as possible after the end of each calendar year, with such correction of grammatical and printing errors (including verbal amendments not affecting the substance of the matter) as the State Attorney General may by notification in the *Gazette* direct, be bound in separate volumes with indexes prepared under the direction of the State Attorney General, and such volumes shall in addition contain—

(a) in the case of the annual volume containing the matter in Part I of the *Gazette*, an alphabetical list, prepared under the direction of the State Attorney General, of the Ordinances in force at the end of the calendar year in question and of any Ordinances enacted prior to the end of such calendar year which have not yet been brought into force;

(b) in the case of the annual volume containing the matter in Part II of the *Gazette*—

(i) a list, prepared under the direction of the State Attorney General by reference to the written law under which the same was enacted, of all subsidiary legislation in force at the end of the calendar year in question and of any subsidiary legislation enacted prior to the end of such calendar year which has not yet been brought into force; and

(ii) such other information with regard to the matter directed to be in Part II of the *Gazette* as the State Attorney General shall see fit to include.

(2) Subsection (1) shall take effect as if they were directions given by Order under section 4, and may be amended by Order made thereunder.

[Mod. Swk. L.N. 68/64.]

Power to amend Schedule and to give directions regarding production and sale of annual volumes, etc.

4.—(1) The Minister may by Order signified in the *Gazette*—

(a) amend the Schedule;

(b) give directions as to the manner in which annual volumes corresponding to the Parts into which the *Gazette* is from time to time divided shall be produced and made available to subscribers and others, and as to any additional contents of such annual volumes; and

(c) provide for the fees upon payment of which the annual volumes authorized herein shall be made available.

(2) Directions given by Order under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be directions to the Government Printer and to such other persons as may be mentioned therein and shall not, unless the contrary expressly appears, be deemed to impose any duty upon any other person.

[Mod. Swk. L.N. 68/64.]

SCHEDULE
(Section 2(1))

[Sub. Swk. L.N. 82/92.]

Part I of the Sarawak Government *Gazette* shall be published as and when necessary in two series containing the following categories of Ordinances:

- (1) the Main Series shall contain all the Ordinances enacted by Dewan Undangan Negeri that are considered to be laws of a primary and permanent nature and all the pre-1993 Ordinances revised under the authority of the Revision of Laws Ordinance, 1992 [*Cap. 1*]; and
- (2) the “A” Series shall contain all the amending Ordinances, repealing Ordinances, Supply Ordinances and any other Ordinances which are intended to have effect for a short duration only.

Part II of the Sarawak Government *Gazette* shall be published as and when necessary and shall contain all Treaties, Conventions, Proclamations, orders, rules, regulations and all subsidiary legislation other than that which is required to be published in Part IV of the *Gazette*.

Part III of the Sarawak Government *Gazette* shall be published as and when necessary and shall contain all the Bills to be introduced in Dewan Undangan Negeri.

Part IV of the Sarawak Government *Gazette* shall be published as and when necessary and shall contain all subsidiary legislation made under any written law by the Commission of the City of Kuching North, the other local authorities constituted under the Local Authorities Ordinance, 1996 [*Cap. 20*], and the Bintulu Development Authority in the exercise of the powers conferred on it under sections 4 and 5 of the Lembaga Kemajuan Bintulu (Bintulu Development Authority) Ordinance, 1978 [*Ord. No. 1/78*].

[Am. Cap. A85.]

Part V of the Sarawak Government *Gazette* shall be published every Thursday and shall contain all matters required to be published in the *Gazette* or which the Government deems it necessary to publish for public information other than matters which are required to be published in the other Parts referred to above:

Provided that—

(i) when that day is a public holiday, publication may take place on the preceding Wednesday or Friday following as may be appropriate; or

(ii) in the event of that Wednesday or Friday also being a public holiday, then publication may take place on such day as may be appointed by the State Attorney General; and

(iii) the State Attorney General may in exceptional circumstances authorize the publication of a special issue to be known as the *Gazette Extraordinary* on any day other than a Thursday.

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*Particulars under section 7(b) and (c) of the
Revision of Laws Ordinance, 1992 [Cap. 1]*

LIST OF AMENDMENTS

Amending Law	Short Title	In force from
Ord. No. 2/57	... Revised Editions of the Laws (Omnibus) Ordinance, 1957	8.6.1957
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G.N.S. 133/56	... Written Law (Simplified Publication) Order, 1956	14.9.1956
G.N.S. 139/56	... Written Law (Simplified Publication) (No. 2) Order, 1956	19.10.1956
G.N.S. 248/62	... Written Law (Simplified Publication) (Schedule) (Amendment) Order, 1956	1.1.1963
Swk. L.N. 68/64	... Institution (Transfer of Functions and Consequential Provisions) Order, 1964	16.9.1963
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Cap. A85	... City of Kuching North (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001	1.1.2001 (Swk. L.G.59/2001)
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LIST OF LAWS OR PARTS OF THEM SUPERSEDED

No.		Short Title
Ord. No. 21/53	...	Written Law (Simplified Publication) Ordinance, 1953
Cap. 3 (1958 Revised Edition)	...	Written Law (Simplified Publication) Ordinance
Cap. 3 (1958 Revised Edition) — Reprint 1967	...	Written Law (Simplified Publication) Ordinance

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