



Botswana Independence Act 1966

1966 CHAPTER 23

3 Consequential modifications of British Nationality Acts

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (6) of this section, the British Nationality Acts 1948 to 1965 shall have effect on and after the appointed day as if in section 1(3) of the British Nationality Act 1948 (Commonwealth countries having separate citizenship) there were added at the end the words " and Botswana ", and as if in Schedule 2 to the British Protectorates, Protected States and Protected Persons Order 1965 the words " Bechuanaland Protectorate " were omitted.
- (2) A person who immediately before the appointed day is for the purposes of those Acts and of the said Order of 1965 a British protected person by virtue of his connection with the Bechuanaland Protectorate shall not cease to be such a British protected person for any of those purposes by reason of anything contained in the preceding provisions of this Act, but shall so cease upon his becoming a citizen of Botswana.
- (3) Except as provided by section 4 of this Act, any person who immediately before the appointed day is a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies shall on that day cease to be such a citizen if he becomes on that day a citizen of Botswana.
- (4) Section 6(2) of the British Nationality Act 1948 (registration as citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies of women who have been married to such citizens) shall not apply to a woman by virtue of her marriage to a person who on the appointed day ceases to be such a citizen under subsection (3) of this section, or who would have done so if living on the appointed day.
- (5) So much of the British Protectorates, Protected States and Protected Persons Order 1965 as relates to former protectorates, and section 5 of the British Nationality (No. 2) Act 1964 in so far as that Order was made by virtue of that section, shall have effect in relation to the Bechuanaland Protectorate as if that Order had been made immediately after the appointed day; and accordingly after the appointed day that Order shall have effect as if, at the beginning of Part I of Schedule 4 thereto, there were inserted in the first column the words " Bechuanaland Protectorate " and in the second column the words " Botswana Independence Act 1966, section 3(2) ".
- (6) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall affect the meaning of " protectorate " in any law or instrument passed or made before the passing of this Act, not being a

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law or instrument contained in or made under any of the British Nationality Acts 1948 to 1965.