



British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act 1914

1914 CHAPTER 17

PART III

GENERAL

Supplemental

25 Saving for letters of denization

Nothing in this Act shall affect the grant of letters of denization by His Majesty.

26 Saving for powers of Legislatures and Governments of British possessions

- (1) Nothing- in this Act shall take away or abridge any power vested in, or exercisable by, the Legislature or Government of any British Possession, or affect the operation of any law at present in force which has been passed in exercise of such a power, or prevent any such Legislature or Government from treating differently different classes of British subjects.
- (2) All laws, statutes and ordinances made by the Legislature of a British Possession for imparting to any person any of the privileges of naturalization to be enjoyed by him within the limits of that Possession, shall, within those limits, have the authority of law.
- (3) Where any parts of His Majesty's Dominions are under both a central and a local legislature, the expression "British Possession" shall, for the purposes of this section, include both all parts under the central legislature and each part under a local legislature : Provided that nothing in this provision shall be construed as validating any law, statute or ordinance with respect to naturalization made by any such local legislature in any case where the central legislature possesses exclusive legislative authority with respect to naturalization.

27 Definitions

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

The expression “British subject ” means a person who is a natural-born British subject, or a person to whom a certificate of naturalization has been granted, or a person who has become a subject of His Majesty by reason of any annexation of territory :

The expression “alien ” means a person who is not a British subject:

The expression “certificate of naturalization ” means a certificate of naturalization granted under this Act or under any Act repealed by this or any other Act:

The expression “disability ” means the status of being a married woman, or a minor, lunatic, or idiot:

The expression “territorial waters ” includes any port, harbour, or dock :

The expression “British Consulate ” means the office of any British consular officer where a register of births is kept, and includes, in the case of any territory where there is no British Consulate and there is a British resident or other representative of His Majesty, the office of such resident or representative.

(2) Where in pursuance of this Act the name of a child is included in a certificate of naturalization granted to his parent, or where, in pursuance of any Act repealed by this Act, any child has been deemed to be a naturalized British subject by reason of residence with his parent, such child shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be a person to whom a certificate of naturalization has been granted.

28 Repeal, short title, and commencement

(1) The enactments mentioned in the Third Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that schedule.

(2) This Act may be cited as the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914.

(3) This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen.