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# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, POLICE AND PRISONS

**GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 74 OF 1988** 

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ASSENTED TO THE FOLLOWING ACT WHICH IS HEREBY PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION:-

**INQUESTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1988** 

ACT No. 20 OF 1988

### **INQUESTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1988**

#### ACT

To amend the Inquests Act, 1984.

(English text signed by the President. Assented to on 2 August 1988).

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Republic of Ciskei, as follows:-

- 1. Amendment of section 6 of Act 29 of 1984. Section 6 of the Inquests Act, 1984 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the principal Act) is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following subsections, the existing section becoming subsection (1):
  - "(2) Whenever -
- (a) it is unsure whether the death of a person occurred within Ciskei or within another country or on the high seas, or
- (b) a death has occurred outside Ciskei, allegedly from or partly from any occurrence within Ciskei.

the Minister or any person authorised thereto by him may instruct the magistrate of any district within Ciskei to hold an inquest, whereupon that magistrate shall be deemed to have jurisdiction to hold an inquest into such death as if such death has occurred within the designated district.

- (3) Where a death has occurred in Ciskei allegedly from injuries sustained outside Ciskei, no inquest shall be held in the district in which the death is alleged to have occurred, unless the Attorney-General so requests.".
- 2. Amendment of section 13 of Act 29 of 1984. Section 13 of the principal Act is hereby amended
  - (a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:
- "(1) Upon production by any person, any document or a certified copy of any document, purporting to be an affidavit made by any person in connection with any death or alleged death in respect of which an inquest is being held, shall at the discretion of the magistrate holding the inquest be admissible in proof of the facts stated in such document."; and
  - (b) by the addition thereto of the following subsection:
- "(3) Any affidavit, record or other document of whatever nature, which would otherwise be admissible in evidence under this Act, shall be so admissible notwithstanding its execution, certification, preparation or attestation outside Ciskei or the fact that it has not been authenticated.".
- 3. Amendment of section 23 of Act 29 of 1984. Section 23 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:
- "(1) Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed as affecting the provisions of section 29 of the Prisons Act, 1983 (Act 36 of 1983) or of any other law prescribing an enquiry into an accident attended with loss of human life.".
  - 4. Short title. This Act shall be called the inquests Amendment Act, 1988.

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