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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION

S.I. No. 48 of 2015

PASSPORT ACT (CHAPTER 192)

PASSPORT (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Passport Act (*Ch. 192*), the Minister makes the following Rules —

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Passport (Amendment) Rules, 2015.
- (2) These Rules shall come into force on the 1st July, 2015 and shall have effect in relation to applications received on or after 1st July, 2015.

2. Amends Rule 10 of Sub. Leg., Vol. II, Ch. 192-3.

Rule 10 of the Passport Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after subrule (2), the following new sub-rules (3) and (4) —

- "(3) Notwithstanding sub-rule (2), a processing fee of two hundred dollars is payable by an applicant where
 - that applicant requires an ordinary passport with biometric data and features to be issued within forty-eight hours of applying for such passport; or
 - (b) that applicant requires an ordinary passport with biometric data and features to be issued where that applicant's first and second passports have been reported lost or stolen within the prior twelve-month period.
- (4) Where an applicant for a passport referred to under paragraph (a) of sub-rule (3), demonstrates to the Minister that he has a medical emergency and that he has been referred by a medical practitioner to seek immediate medical attention abroad, the Minister may exempt the applicant, and where necessary, the applicant's caregiver from the payment of the processing fee of two hundred dollars.".

Made this 30th day of June, 2015.

Signed PHILIP E. DAVIS Minister responsible for Passports

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