CONSUL, BRITISH

The Consular Fees Order in Council, 1949

1949 No. 1052

Made - - - - 31*st May*, 1949
Coming into Operation 1*st August*, 1949

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 31st day of May, 1949

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas, by Section 2 (1) of the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891(**a**), His Majesty The King is authorised by Order in Council to fix the fees to be taken in respect of any matter or thing done by a consular officer in the execution of his office, and to vary such fees by way of increase or decrease, and to abolish fees, and create new fees:

And Whereas by section 20 of the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892(**b**), and by section 1 (4) of the Marriage with Foreigners Act, 1906(**c**), it is provided that certain things may or should be done on payment of the proper fee, and those Acts further provide that the proper fee shall be such as may for the time being be fixed under the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891, and that the fee so fixed as respects a consul shall be the fee which may be taken by any marriage officer:

And Whereas it is expedient that the tables of fees fixed by previous Orders in Council made under the Consular Salaries and Fees Act should be amended and consolidated:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891, or otherwise in His Majesty vested, is pleased by and with the advice of His Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. The several fees set forth in the tables in the First Schedule annexed to this Order are hereby established to be levied by consular officers, and by marriage officers under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892, and the Marriage with Foreigners Act, 1906, in the execution of their duties, and the said tables shall be construed as part of the Order.

2. This Order may be cited as the Consular Fees Order in Council, 1949.

3.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1949.

(2) On and after the date on which this Order comes into operation, the Orders in Council mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Order shall be repealed, but this repeal shall not affect any right or liability existing at the commencement of this Order in any place.

And the Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is to give the necessary directions herein.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

(a) 54 & 55 Vict. c. 36. (b) 55 & 56 Vict. c. 23.
(c) 6 Edw. 7. c. 40.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Table of Consular and Marriage Fees

PART I

SHIPPING, SEAMEN AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

No.		£	*s.*	*d.*
1	Taking or recording a declaration under the Merchant Shipping Acts, with a view to the registry, transfer and transmission of ships, interests in ships, or mortgages on ships	0	15	0
2	Endorsing a memorandum of change of master upon the certificate of registry and initialling his signature on the agreement with the crew, if required	0	7	6
3	Granting a provisional certificate of registry (this fee to be exclusive of fees on declarations)	2	10	0
4	Recording a mortgage of a ship or of shares in a ship	2	10	0
5	Recording the transfer of a mortgage of a ship or of shares in a ship	2	10	0
6	Recording the discharge of a mortgage of a ship or of shares in a ship	2	10	0
7	Interposition in the sale of a ship or of shares in a ship	2	10	0
8	Inspecting the register book of transactions in ships kept in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Acts	0	4	0
9	Issuing a certified copy of an extract from the register book of transactions in ships, if not exceeding 100 words	0	7	6
	For every subsequent 100 words or less	0	4	0
10	Sanctioning the engagement of seamen: for each seaman	0	3	0
	N.B.—On the transfer of a crew or part of a crew from one British ship to another, the maximum amount leviable under either Fee 10 or Fee 12 is £3 15s. 0d., whatever the number of seamen involved. In the case of a double transfer between two British ships these maxima will be doubled.			
11	Attesting alterations in agreements with seamen: for each alteration, in respect of any one ship at a time ..	0	4	0
	with a maximum fee of	4	0	0
12	Sanctioning the discharge or leaving behind of seamen: for each seaman (see Fee 10)	0	3	0
13	Certifying desertions of seamen: for each seaman	0	4	0
14	Receiving a return of the birth or death of any person on board a ship and endorsing the ship's agreement accordingly ..	0	4	0
15	Drawing a seaman's will: for each 100 words	0	5	0
	for any number of words up to 100	0	5	0
16	Attesting the execution of a seaman's will	0	2	6
17	Certifying a form of claim for wages, etc., of a deceased seaman	0	2	0
18	Examining provisions or water, to be paid by the party who proves to be in default, in addition to the cost of survey ..	1	5	0
19	Attesting a salvage bond made in pursuance of section 560 (1) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894	4	0	0
20	Taking custody of a ship's papers, making any necessary endorsements thereon, and giving the certifiate required by section 257 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (to include the fee for the inspection of the ship's papers, see Fee 39)	0	7	6
	N.B.—A payment of £13 shall free the ship from payment of Fees Nos. 20 and 31 at every port in China or in Japan but not in both during the following three months.			

No.		£	*s.*	*d.*
21	Noting a marine protest and furnishing one certified copy if required	0	15	0
	For every other copy	0	7	6
22	Extending a marine protest, if not exceeding 200 words, filing the original and furnishing one certified copy if required	2	10	0
23	Filing a request for survey and issuing an order of survey ..	1	5	0
24	Receiving a report of survey, if not exceeding 200 words, filing the original in the archives and furnishing, if required, one certified copy of the request, order and report of survey ..	2	10	0
	For every additional 100 words or less	0	7	6
25	Preparing an average bottomry or arbitration bond	2	10	0
26	Attesting an average, bottomry or arbitration bond, for each copy	0	15	0
27	Preparing a fresh agreement with a ship's crew when new Articles of Agreement are opened at a foreign port and furnishing the copy which, under the Merchant Shipping Acts, must be made accessible to the crew:			
	for each man	0	2	0
	with a minimum of	1	0	0
	and a maximum of	3	0	0
28	Issuing a bill of health	1	0	0
29	Certifying a foreign bill of health	1	0	0
30	Addressing an application to local authorities for the arrest, imprisonment or release of seamen, if made at the request of the master:			
	for each seaman	0	10	0
31	Granting a certificate as to the number of the crew or granting any other certificate required by local authorities for the clearance inwards and outwards of a ship (see Nos. 20 and 32)	0	12	6
32	Drawing up, in form and language required by local authorities, a muster-roll or detailed list giving the names, etc., of each member of a ship's crew	0	7	6
33	Affixing the consular signature (and seal if required) to a ship's manifest	0	15	0
34	Affixing the consular seal or signature to any entry in the official log-book of a ship if such entry is not required by the Merchant Shipping Acts	0	10	0
35	Attesting the execution of a bill of sale of a ship or of shares in a ship	0	15	0
36	Issuing any document required from a consular officer by foreign authorities as a preliminary to the engagement of a British seaman in a foreign vessel including official seal and signature	0	4	0
37	Certifying the engagement, discharge, leaving behind, desertion or death of a lascar seaman (i.e. Indian, Pakistani or other native of India) serving in a foreign ship or to any alteration in the agreement made with him under section 39 of the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923	0	4	0
38	Certifying the transfer of lascar seamen (i.e. Indian, Pakistani or other native of India) with their agreements, from one foreign ship to another:			
	for each seaman	0	8	0
	N.B.—The charge under this fee is to be divided equally between the two ships concerned and must not exceed	10	0	0
39	Inspecting a ship's papers when this is required to enable a consular officer to perform any specific service on the ship's behalf	0	7	6
	N.B.—This fee is not to be charged if the papers are at the time in the consular officer's custody (see No. 20).			

No.		
40	Attending at a shipwreck or for the purpose of assisting a ship in distress:	
	for each hour	0 10 0
	for any shorter period	0 10 0
	with a maximum per day of	4 0 0
	(See Regulation 5)	
41	Attending at a shipwreck, at the request of the parties interested, to assist or advise as to salvage:	
	for each hour	0 15 0
	for any shorter period	0 15 0
	with a maximum per day of	6 0 0
	(See Regulation 5)	
	The following fees Nos. 42 to 51 are for services performed only in China	
42	Issuing a certificate of registry	3 10 0
43	Issuing a certificate of sale or mortgage	0 7 6
44	Endorsing ownership on a certificate of registry	0 7 6
45	Issuing a transfer of registry to another port	0 7 6
46	Issuing a pass for a ship	1 0 0
47	Recording an alteration in register of name, rig or tonnage ..	0 10 0
48	Measuring tonnage for ships of gross tonnages as under:	
	15 and under 500	3 0 0
	500 and under 1,000	3 12 0
	1,000 and under 2,000	4 4 0
	2,000 and under 3,000	4 16 0
	3,000 and under 4,000	5 8 0
	4,000 and under 5,000	6 0 0
	5,000 and under 10,000	8 0 0
	10,000 and upwards	11 0 0
49	Inspecting crew spaces:	
	for each visit to the ship	1 0 0
	With a maximum of £2 whatever the number of visits.	
	N.B.—When the accommodation is inspected at the same time as the tonnage is measured this fee shall not be levied.	
50	Inspecting light and sound signals:	
	for each visit made to the ship on the application of the owner or his agent and for each visit made where the lights or fittings are found defective	1 0 0
	With a maximum of £2 whatever the number of visits.	
51	Inspecting the marking of a ship:	
	for each visit made to the ship on the application of the owner or his agent and for each visit made where the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts with respect thereto have not been complied with	0 10 0
	With a maximum of £1 whatever the number of visits.	
	N.B.—When the marking of a ship is inspected at the same time as the light and sound signals this fee shall not be levied.	

Part II

Notarial and Kindred Matters (Not Relating to Shipping)

52	Noting any protest, except a marine protest (see No. 21) or a protest of a bill of exchange (see No. 59), filing the original and furnishing one certified copy if required:	
	for any number of words up to 200	2 10 0
	for every additional 100 words or less	0 7 6

No.		£	s.	d.
53	Issuing or attesting a certificate of origin or other document in support of a consignment of goods:			
	for each separate document and for filing copy:			
	for a consignment not exceeding £20 in value	0	7	6
	for a consignment exceeding £20 in value	0	15	0
	for any additional copy if signed and sealed by the consular officer:			
	for a consignment not exceeding £20 in value	0	7	6
	for a consignment exceeding £20 in value	0	15	0
	for any additional copy, if sealed only	0	4	0
54	Extending the validity of a certificate of origin or other document in support of a consignment of goods, including corresponding endorsement, if required, of any certified copies thereof ..	0	1	0
55	Attesting a declaration of the ultimate destination of goods ..	0	1	0
56	Certifying the due landing of goods exported from a British port	0	15	0
57	Issuing a certificate not otherwise provided for, exclusive of fee for drawing (see No. 80):			
	for 50 words or less	0	10	0
	for every additional 50 words or less	0	5	0
58	Noting a bill of exchange	0	7	6
59	Noting a protest of a bill of exchange and furnishing a copy ..	1	5	0
60	Administering an oath or receiving a declaration or affirmation with or without attestation of signature	0	7	6
61	Receiving a declaration or affidavit claiming exemption from or refund of income tax on shares, etc:			
	(*a*) from an owner of shares, etc.	0	2	0
	(*b*) from an authorised agent on behalf of any number of owners not exceeding five	0	2	0
	(*c*) ditto on behalf of more than five owners	0	5	0
62	Affixing a signature to an exhibit referred to in an affidavit or declaration	0	4	0
63	Initialling alterations or interlineations in any document not prepared by the consular officer:			
	for every three initiallings	0	1	0
	for any number under three	0	1	0
64	Attesting a signature on a transfer of shares or stock	0	5	0
65	Attesting a signature on a transfer of shares or stock when executed in the presence of one or more witnesses besides the consular officer	0	7	6
66	Attesting a signature on a power of attorney relating to a single transaction in regard to property not exceeding £10 in value with a maximum, however many signatures are attested at the same time on one document, of 16s.	0	4	0
67	Attesting any other power of attorney .. .. with a maximum, however many signatures are attested at the same time on one document, of £2.	0	10	0
68	Attesting a signature on a deed, bond or conveyance under seal:			
	(*a*) where the value of the property concerned does not exceed £10	0	4	0
	(*b*) where it exceeds £10	0	10	0
	N.B.—Where more than four persons execute an instrument at the same time, the fee must not exceed 16s. under (*a*) or £2 under (*b*).			
69	Affixing a consular signature, and seal if required, to a declaration of existence	0	4	0
70	Drawing a declaration of existence	0	3	6
71	Issuing a certificate of identity	0	10	0
72	Attesting the signature of a foreign authority or notary	0	10	0
73	Attesting the signature to a receipt for money when the amount does not exceed £10	0	5	0

No.		£	s.	d.
74	Attesting a signature not otherwise provided for	0	10	0
75	Effecting any registration not otherwise provided for	0	4	0
	N.B.—No fee is to be charged under this Order for the registration of British subjects.			
76	Issuing a certificate of British registration	0	4	0
	N.B.—No fee is to be charged when the certificate is endorsed on a passport.			
77	Uniting documents and attaching the consular seal to the fastening	0	4	0
78	Affixing a consular signature, and seal if required, to any document not otherwise provided for	0	10	0
79	Affixing a seal to a document, packet or article, when no signature is required	0	4	0
80	Drawing a declaration or other document not otherwise provided for or the body of a protest, or taking down in writing verbal declarations or depositions of persons made before the consular officer, or reducing into writing agreements made before him by contracting parties, exclusive of fees for attestations, etc.:			
	for any number of words not exceeding 50	0	7	6
	for every additional 50 words or less	0	4	0
	N.B.—See note to No. 83.			
81	Assisting in drawing up petitions, applications or other documents not specified, for each document	0	10	0
	N.B.—See Note to No. 83.			
82	Making and certifying a copy of a document or part of a document:			
	for any number of words up to 100	0	12	6
	for every additional 100 words or less	0	5	0
	N.B.—See note to No. 83.			
83	Verifying and certifying a copy of a document or part of a document:			
	for any number of words up to 100	0	10	0
	for every additional 100 words or less	0	2	6
	N.B.—If the document is in a foreign language, the amounts of the above fees (Nos. 80 to 83) are to be doubled. Characters in the Chinese and Japanese languages are to be counted (in Nos. 80, 82 and 83) as words.			
84	Making and certifying a translation of a document or part of a document from or into any language but Chinese or Japanese:			
	for any number of words up to 100	1	5	0
	for every additional 100 words or less	0	12	6
85	Verifying and certifying a translation of a document or part of a document from or into any language but Chinese or Japanese:			
	for any number of words up to 100	1	0	0
	for every additional 100 words or less	0	7	6
86	Making or verifying and certifying a translation of a document or part of a document from or into Chinese or Japanese:			
	for any number of characters up to 100	2	0	0
	for every additional 100 characters or less	0	12	0
87	*Viva voce* translating and interpreting:			
	for every 15 minutes or less	0	7	6
	With a maximum per hour of	1	0	0
88	Drawing a power of attorney:			
	for 200 words or less	1	0	0
	for every additional 100 words	0	10	0

No.		£	*s.*	*d.*
89	Supplying witnesses at the request of parties interested in cases where one or more attesting witnesses besides the consular officer are required: for each witness	0	4	0
	The following fee No. 90 is for a service performed only in China and Japan			
90	Reference to land, mortgage or other registers (except those under Nos. 8 and 115)	0	10	0
	The following fees Nos. 91 to 98 are for services performed only in China			
91	Drawing up new title-deeds of land, including registration, ½ per cent. on value of the property, with a minimum fee of ..	2	10	0
	N.B.—In cases where new title-deeds are drawn up to replace similar existing title-deeds covering the same property and the same ownership, ½ per cent. on the value of the property with a minimum fee of £1 10s. 0d. and a maximum of £10.			
92	Notifying the authorities of the loss of an owner's copy of title-deed and requesting the issue of a copy to replace it ..	2	0	0
93	Drawing up a transfer of land, ¼ per cent. on the value of the property, with a minimum fee of	2	10	0
	N.B.—(1) The minimum fee (£2 10s.) should be charged in cases where land forming the estate or part of the estate of a deceased British subject, on which probate duty has already been paid in full, is transferred by the executors of the estate to themselves as trustees. (2) Where it is shown by affidavit by trustees or executors under a British will or settlement that the transfer is without valuable consideration or is by one set of trustees of club property to another or that the land is under a charitable or ecclesiastical trust: ¼ per cent. on the value of the property, with a minimum fee of 10s. and a maximum of £2. (3) In cases where transfers of land are effected by way of security for or release of a mortgage, subject to evidence being furnished of the *bona fides* of the transaction: ¼ per cent. on the value of the property with a minimum fee of £2 10s. and a maximum of £25.			
94	Cancelling title-deeds	2	0	0
95	Registering title-deeds issued by local authorities	2	0	0
96	Registering a mortgage or discharge of mortgage	2	0	0
97	Registering the foreclosure of a mortgage	4	0	0
98	Making an entry, not otherwise provided for, in the land register at the request of the parties interested, including copying and certifying the same on title-deeds	0	16	0

PART III

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND KINDRED MATTERS

99	Issuing a passport	0	15	0
100	Renewing a passport: for each year or lesser period	0	2	0
101	Making an endorsement on a passport	0	2	0
102	Issuing an inland travel pass	0	4	0
103	Making and/or forwarding a request or recommendation to an authority of a foreign State or Commonwealth country, British Colony, Protectorate, Protected State or Trust Territory for the issue or renewal of a passport, pass or visa	0	4	0
104	Issuing any document required by a foreign authority for the grant of a permit for residence	0	4	0

No.		£	*s.*	*d.*
105	Issuing and drawing if required a certificate or emergency certificate of British nationality or any document not otherwise provided for in lieu of a passport	0	7	6
106	Granting a visa (on a passport or other travel document) valid for one year or any lesser period:			
	for an ordinary visa	0	16	0
	for a transit visa	0	1	6
	N.B.—The Secretary of State, with the consent of the Treasury, may direct that the visa fees charged to the nationals of any particular country shall be equivalent to the fees charged by the authorities of that country for their visas on passports of British subjects, citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies.			
107	Certificate of protection for a "semsar"	2	0	0
108	Certificate for a "mokhalat"	1	0	0

Part IV

A.—Marriages, Births and Deaths

The following fees Nos. 109-113 *are for services under the Foreign Marriage Acts,* 1892 *to* 1947, *the Marriage with Foreigners Act,* 1906, *and the Foreign Marriages Orders in Council,* 1913 *to* 1947.

No.		£	*s.*	*d.*
109	Receiving notice of an intended marriage	0	15	0
110	Receiving notice of a caveat	1	5	0
111	Solemnizing or attending a marriage, celebrated under the Foreign Marriage Acts, registering it and administering oaths to the two parties	2	0	0
112	Issuing a certificate of notice having been given and exhibited and/or of no impediment, in addition to the fee for administering the oath (see No. 60)	0	7	6
113	Registering a marriage solemnized in accordance with the local law, in addition to the fee for attendance (No. 121 or 123)	1	5	0
114	Registering a birth or death (except the death of a seaman)	0	4	0
115	Making a search for an entry in the consular register of births, deaths or marriages (see No. 119)	0	2	0
116	Furnishing a certified copy of an entry in the consular register of births, deaths or marriages	0	4	0

B. Wills and Estates

(N.B.—For seamen, see Part I.)

117	Drawing a will for any person not a seaman (see No. 15):			
	for any number of words up to 200	2	0	0
	for every additional 100 words or less	0	10	0
118	Attesting the execution of the will of any person not a seaman (see No. 16)	0	15	0
119	Having a search made for and/or obtaining and issuing copies of entries in the local registers or of wills, deeds or other documents not kept at a consulate, in addition to any fees for attestation:			
	for an entry in a local register of births, deaths or marriages	0	5	0
	for any other document	0	10	0
120	Administering the estate of a deceased person, not a seaman, on the gross value of the estate		2½%	

C.—Attendances (not otherwise provided for)

121	Elsewhere than at the consular office or residence on any day between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. for each hour or lesser period	1	0	0

No.		£	s.	d.
122	At the consular office or residence between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. but not during the customary business hours of the place, for each half-hour or lesser period	0	10	0
123	Between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., for each half-hour or lesser period:			
	(*a*) at the consular officer's residence	0	15	0
	(*b*) elsewhere	1	10	0

D.—SERVICES RELATING TO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

124	Taking evidence under a commission or order from a Court:			
	(*a*) for one sitting of two hours or less	6	0	0
	(*b*) for each subsequent sitting of two hours or less ..	3	0	0
	(*c*) for each additional hour or less under (*a*) or (*b*)	1	0	0
125	Effecting or endeavouring to effect service of a writ and issuing a certificate or affidavit of service or attempted service:			
	for one visit	1	5	0
	for each additional visit	0	15	0

E.—COLLECTION OF DEBTS

126	Recovering sums at the request and on behalf of private persons, a commission of	5 per cent.

SECOND SCHEDULE

ORDERS IN COUNCIL REPEALED

4th July, 1908	S.R. & O. 1908 No. 556. The China (Passenger Ships Fees) Order in Council, 1908.
22nd April, 1921	S.R. & O. 1921 No. 762. The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order in Council, 1921.
27th June, 1921	S.R. & O. 1921 No. 1131. The Consular Fees Order in Council, 1921.
27th June, 1921	S.R. & O. 1921 No. 1132. The Consular Fees (No. 2) Order in Council, 1921.
21st April, 1922	S.R. & O. 1922 No. 463. The Consular Fees Order in Council, 1922.
10th August, 1922	S.R. & O. 1922 No. 966. The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order in Council, 1922.
30th July, 1923	S.R. & O. 1923 No. 968. The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order in Council, 1923.
9th October, 1924	S.R. & O. 1924 No. 1215. The Consular Fees Order in Council, 1924.
9th October, 1924	S.R. & O. 1924 No. 1216. The Consular Fees (No. 2) Order in Council, 1924.
9th October, 1924	S.R. & O. 1924 No. 1217. The Consular Fees (No. 3) Order in Council, 1924.
1st June, 1926	S.R. & O. 1926 No. 672. The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order in Council, 1926.
22nd March, 1927	S.R. & O. 1927 No. 264. The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order in Council, 1927.
9th November, 1931 ..	S.R. & O. 1931 No. 963. The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order in Council, 1931.
10th June, 1932	S.R. & O. 1932 No. 474. The Consular Fees (China Inland Travel Passes) Order in Council, 1932.
19th April, 1933	S.R. & O. 1933 No. 355. The Consular Fees China (Amendment) Order in Council, 1933.
30th April, 1936	S.R. & O. 1936 No. 707. The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order in Council, 1936.
3rd September, 1939 ..	S.R. & O. 1939 No. 1139. The Consular Fees (Amendment) Order in Council, 1939.
3rd September, 1939 ..	S.R. & O. 1939 No. 1140. The Consular Fees China (Amendment) Order in Council, 1939

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

1. Before the present Order came into effect there were in force a number of Orders in Council made under the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891, which set out, in tables annexed to the Orders, the fees which might be charged by consuls in the performance of their consular duties and their duties as marriage officers.

2. It has been found desirable to consolidate in one Order all the Consular Fees Orders still applicable which were in force at the date on which this Order came into effect, to revise the fee tables and notes annexed thereto, and to alter in some respects the arrangement of the fee tables.

3. The present Order, therefore, repeals all the earlier Consular Fees Orders in Council, and substitutes for the tables and notes annexed thereto the tables annexed to the present Order.

4. The notes which accompanied the previous fee tables will be included in their revised form in Regulations made under the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891, by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and issued separately.

The Consular and Marriage Fees Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 1301

Made - - - - *7th July*, 1949
Coming into Operation *1st August*, 1949

In the exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sub-section (2) of section 2 of the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891(a), I, Ernest Bevin, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, hereby make, with the consent of the Treasury, the following Regulations :—

SECTION I: GENERAL

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Consular and Marriage Fees Regulations, 1949, and shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1949.

(2) In these Regulations—

(*a*) the expression "Consular Officer" has the same meaning as in Section 3 of the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891. It also includes, where the context so requires, any person authorised to act as a marriage officer under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892(b), and any person authorised under section 6 of the Commissioners for Oaths Act, 1889(c), as amended by section 2 of the Commissioners for Oaths Act, 1891(d), to perform the acts set out in that section.

(*b*) the expression "fee" or "fees" means any fee or fees which may be levied under the Consular Fees Order in Council, 1949(e), including any Order amending the said Order, hereinafter referred to as the "Consular Fees Order"

(a) 54 & 55 Vict. c. 36. (b) 55 & 56 Vict. c. 23. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 10.
(d) 54 & 55 Vict. c. 50. (e) S.I. 1949 No. 1052, p. 934 above.