FEDERATION OF MALAYA

1956 No. 1208

The Federation of Malaya (Amendment) Order in Council, 1956

Made - - - -	*3rd August,* 1956
Laid before Parliament	*10th August,* 1956
Coming into Operation	*On a date or dates to be appointed under s.* 1 (3)*

At the Court at Arundel Castle, the 3rd day of August, 1956

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the Straits Settlements (Repeal) Act, 1946(a), the British Settlements Acts, 1887(b) and 1945(c), or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the consent of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Citation, construction and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Federation of Malaya (Amendment) Order in Council, 1956, and shall be construed as one with the Federation of Malaya Orders in Council, 1948 and 1954(d).

(2) The Federation of Malaya Orders in Council, 1948 and 1954, and this Order may be cited together as the Federation of Malaya Orders in Council, 1948 to 1956.

(3) This Order shall come into operation in relation to a Settlement on such date as the High Commissioner may, by notification in the *Gazette,* appoint for that Settlement; and the High Commissioner may so appoint different dates for different provisions of this Order:

Provided that any date so appointed shall not be earlier than the day after the day upon which this Order shall have been laid before both Houses of Parliament.

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* Date appointed 1.9.56.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 37. (b) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54. (c) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7.

(d) S.I. 1948/108 (Rev. VIII, p. 420: 1948 I, p. 1231), 1954/1143 (1954 I, p. 1183).

Amendment of Federation of Malaya Order in Council, 1948

2. Section 12 of the Federation of Malaya Order in Council, 1948(**a**), (which Order, as amended by the Federation of Malaya (Amendment) Order in Council, 1954(**b**), is hereinafter called " the principal Order ") is hereby amended by the substitution for the words " Nominated Council " wherever they occur of the words " Settlement Executive Council ".

3. Section 21 of the principal Order is hereby amended by the deletion of paragraph (*d*) and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:—

" (*d*) (i) in the case of a Nominated Unofficial Member, is to the satisfaction of the High Commissioner able to speak and (unless incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause) to read and write the English or Malay language with a degree of proficiency sufficient to enable him to take an active part in the proceedings of the Council; or

(ii) in the case of an Elected Member, is able to speak and (unless incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause) to read and write the English or Malay language with a degree of proficiency sufficient to enable him to take an active part in the proceedings of the Council; and "

4. Section 40 of the principal Order is hereby revoked and the following Section is substituted therefor:

" Official languages.

40. The official languages of each Settlement Council shall be English and Malay;

Provided that anything which is required to be printed or reduced to writing shall be expressed in the English language ".

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the provisions of the Federation of Malaya Order in Council, 1948, relating to the Settlements of Penang and Malacca. It alters the style of the Nominated Councils of the Settlements to " Settlement Executive Council ", and alters the qualifications of members of the Settlement Councils and the provisions relating to the official languages in the Councils.

(**a**) S.I. 1948/108 (Rev. VIII, p. 420: 1948 I, p. 1231).
(**b**) S.I. 1954/1143 (1954 I, p. 1183).