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The Qatar (Amendment) Order 1963

Made - - - -	20*th December* 1963
Laid before Parliament	31*st December* 1963
Coming into Operation	6*th January* 1964

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 20th day of December 1963

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by treaty, capitulation, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means Her Majesty The Queen has jurisdiction within the territories of the Ruler of Qatar;

And whereas provision was made for the exercise of such jurisdiction by the Qatar Orders 1959 and 1962(a) (hereinafter referred to together as "the Principal Order");

And whereas it is now expedient to amend the Principal Order;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts 1890 and 1913(b) or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. Paragraph (2)(i) of Article 14 of the Principal Order shall be amended to read as follows:—

"(2)(i) The Judge of the Court for Qatar shall be appointed by the Secretary of State. At the time of his appointment the Judge shall be a member of the Bar of England, Scotland or Northern Ireland, or a solicitor of the Supreme Court in England or Northern Ireland, or a Writer to Her Majesty's Signet or a solicitor in the Supreme Courts of Scotland or shall be a person who has held office under the Crown as a judge in a Court which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, has jurisdiction generally comparable with the jurisdiction exercised by the Court for Qatar. Persons similarly qualified may be appointed to be Assistant Judges from time to time by the Secretary of State. Each Judge or Assistant Judge may exercise all the powers and jurisdiction of the Court."

2. This Order may be cited as the Qatar (Amendment) Order 1963 and the Qatar Orders 1959 and 1962 and this Order may be cited together as the Qatar Orders 1959 to 1963.

3. This Order shall come into force on the 6th day of January 1964.

W. G. Agnew.

(a) S.I. 1959/1038, 1962/406(1959 II, p. 2252; 1962 I, p. 470).
(b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37 and 3 & 4 Geo. 5. c. 16.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The purpose of this amending Order is to provide that in future the Judge and any Assistant Judges of the Court for Qatar may be appointed by the Secretary of State not only from among persons holding legal qualifications in the United Kingdom but also from those who have had judicial experience under the Crown in Courts of jurisdiction comparable with that of Her Majesty's Court for Qatar.