

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 24 of 1997

Date of Assent: 11th November, 1997

An Act to amend the Adoption Act

[14th November, 1997

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. This Act may be cited as the Adoption (Amendment) Act, 1997, and shall be read as one with the Adoption Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Title

Cap. 54

2. Section *two* of the principal Act is amended by the insertion in the appropriate place of the following new definition:

Amendment
of section 2

" foreign infant " means a person who is below the age of eighteen years and is not a citizen of Zambia, but shall not include a person who is or has been married.

3. Section *four* of the principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after subsection (5) of the following new subsections:

Amendment
of section 4

(6) Notwithstanding subsection (5) an adoption order shall not be made in respect of a foreign infant—

(a) unless the infant resides in Zambia and the applicant is ordinarily resident in Zambia;

(b) unless the foreign infant has been continuously in the care and possession of the applicant for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the order;

(c) unless the applicant has at least three months before the period referred to in paragraph (b) notified the Commissioner of his intention to apply for an adoption order in respect of the foreign infant; and

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Cap. 123

(d) if the foreign infant is in Zambia under a temporary or visiting permit issued under the Immigration and Deportation Act.

Amendment
of section 36

(7) Subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) shall apply with the necessary modifications to a foreign infant adopted under subsection (6).

Amendment
of Schedule

4. Section *thirty-six* of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of " three thousand penalty units " and the substitution therefor of " five hundred thousand penalty units "

5. The principal Act is amended by the deletion of the Schedule and the substitution therefor of the Schedule set out in the Appendix hereto.

APPENDIX
(Section 5)

SCHEDULE
(Section 12)

FORM OF ENTRY IN ADOPTED CHILDREN'S REGISTER

No. of Entry	Date and Country of birth of parents and child	Name and surname of child	Sex of child	Name, address, occupation and nationality of adoptor(s)	Status of child	District where adoption order is made	Town where adoption order is made and description of court	Date of entry	Signature of officer deputed by Registrar-General to attest entry

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- Cap. 123 (d) if the foreign infant is in Zambia under a temporary or visiting permit issued under the Immigration and Deportation Act.
- Amendment of section 36 (7) Subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) shall apply with the necessary modifications to a foreign infant adopted under subsection (6).
- Amendment of Schedule 4. Section *thirty-six* of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of " three thousand penalty units " and the substitution therefor of " five hundred thousand penalty units "
5. The principal Act is amended by the deletion of the Schedule and the substitution therefor of the Schedule set out in the Appendix hereto.