

Penal Code (Amendment)

Act No 32 of 1991

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENAL CODE

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: "

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the Penal Code Amendment) Act, No. 32 of 1991 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint, by Order in writing. Published in the Gazette.

Amendment of section 2 of Chapter 19. **2.** Section 2 of the Penal Code is hereby amended as Follows:-

(1) by the renumbering of that section as subsection (1) of that section;

(2) by the addition immediately after the renumbered subsection (1), of the following new subsections : "

" (2) Every Sri Lankan national shall be liable to punishment under this Code for every act done or omitted to be done contrary to the provisions thereof, of which he shall be guilty, where such act was done or was omitted to be done"

(a) within the premises of a Sri Lankan mission or the residence of the Head of such mission, diplomatic agent or any other member of such mission, situated outside the Republic of Sri Lanka; or

(b) within any premises occupied on behalf of or under the control of the Government of Sri Lanka or any statutory body established in Sri Lanka, and situated outside the Republic of Sri Lanka; or

(c) outside the Republic of Sri Lanka, where such Sri Lankan national enjoys diplomatic immunity in respect of such act or omission which is granted by a foreign state by reason of his diplomatic status in such state.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed, as affecting the liability of any Sri Lankan national, under the laws of the country in which such act was done or omitted to be done in respect of such act or omission. "and

(3) by the substitution for the marginal note of that section, of the following marginal note: " "Liability for offences committed within and outside Sri Lanka."

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency. **3.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

