

THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1990**No. 2 of 1990***Date of Assent: 11th May, 1990**Date of Commencement: 18th May, 1990***An Act of Parliament to amend the Public Archives Act**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Archives (Amendment) Act, 1990.

Short title.

2. The Public Archives Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting the long title thereto and inserting the following—

Replacement of the long title to Cap. 19

An Act of Parliament to establish the Kenya National Archives and Documentation Service and to provide for the preservation of public archives and public records and for connected purposes.

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by repealing section 1 and inserting the following—

Replacement of section 1 of Cap. 19.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Archives and Documentation Service Act.

4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 19.

(a) by deleting the definition of "Chief Archivist";

(b) by deleting the definition of "Service" and inserting the following—

"Service" means the Kenya National Archives and Documentation Service established by section 3 of this Act;

(c) by inserting the following definition in its proper alphabetical sequence—

"Director" means the person appointed to that office under section 3.

5. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and inserting the following new subsection—

Amendment of section 3 of Cap. 19.

(1) There shall be established, constituted and maintained a public department to be known as the

Kenya National Archives and Documentation Service for which there shall be appointed a Director and such other staff as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

Insertion of
new section
5A in Cap. 19.

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 5—

National
documenta-
tion and
information
retrieval
service.

5A. (1) Every Permanent Secretary or head of Government department or chief executive of a state corporation or local authority shall supply to the Director two copies of any published or generally circulated document or report produced by that office whether in hard copy or micro-film; and the creating office may prescribe the period for which the document shall remain restricted from circulation to other public offices or members of the public.

(2) The Government Printer or his authorized agent shall supply to the service two copies of every publication produced by him.

(3) The Director of the Central Bureau of Statistics shall supply to the Service two copies of every publication produced by him.

(4) The service shall, every six months, publish and circulate to all the major libraries in the country and in the link centres in the public services an accession list of reports and documents acquired.

(5) Where documentation link centres do not exist in Government Ministries, departments and parastatal organizations, the Service shall initiate appropriate measures for the establishment and development of such centres.

(6) The Service shall, through the documentation link centres, co-ordinate the acquisition and preservation of reports and other generally circulated documents in the public service.

General
amendment
of Cap. 19.

7. The principal Act is amended by deleting the expression "Chief Archivist" wherever it appears and inserting "Director".