

# REPRINT

## **DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE ACT (CAP. 10)**

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**AN ACT RELATING TO DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN CERTAIN CASES**

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## 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Documentary Evidence Act*.

## 2 Interpretation

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires:

**“Gazette”** includes the *London Gazette*, the *Edinburgh Gazette*, the *Dublin Gazette* and the *Solomon Islands Gazette*;

**“Government Printer”** means the printer to Her Majesty and any printer purporting to be the printer authorised to print the Acts of Solomon Islands, or otherwise to be the Government Printer of Solomon Islands.

## 3 Mode of proving certain documents

- (1) *Prima facie* evidence of any proclamation, order, or regulation issued before or after the enactment of this Act by Her Majesty, or by the Privy Council, may be given in all courts in and in all legal proceedings whatsoever, in all or any of the modes hereinafter mentioned; that is to say;
  - (a) by the production of a copy of the *Gazette* purporting to contain such proclamation, order or regulation;
  - (b) by the production of a copy of such proclamation, order or regulation purporting to be printed by the Government Printer, or under the superintendence or authority of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office;
  - (c) by the production, in the case of any proclamation, order, or regulation issued by Her Majesty or by the Privy Council, of a copy or extract purporting to be certified to be true by the clerk of the Privy Council, or by anyone of the lords or others of the Privy Council.

- (2) Any copy or extract made in pursuance of this Act may be in print or in writing, or partly in print and partly in writing.
- (3) No proof shall be required of the handwriting or official position of any person certifying, in pursuance of this Act, to the truth of any copy of or extract from any proclamation, order, or regulation.

## ENDNOTES

### 1

#### KEY

amd = amended	Pt = Part
Ch = Chapter	rem = remainder
Div = Division	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired	rep = repealed
GN = Gazette Notice	Sch = Schedule
hdg = heading	Sdiv = Subdivision
ins = inserted	SIG = Solomon Islands Gazette
lt = long title	st = short title
LN = Legal Notice	sub = substituted
nc = not commenced	

#### NOTE

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#### LIST OF LEGISLATION

##### ***Documentary Evidence Act (Cap. 10)***

*Constituent legislation:* 15 of 1956 (Commenced 17 December 1956)  
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#### LIST OF AMENDMENTS