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**EDICT
ON PROMULGATION OF THE LAW ON CHANGES AND ADDENDA
OF THE LAW ON YUGOSLAV CITIZENSHIP**

The Law on Changes and Addenda of the Law on Yugoslav Citizenship hereby promulgated was endorsed by the Federal Parliament at the sessions of the Chamber of Citizens of 27 February 2001 and the Chamber of Republics of 26 February 2001.

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Belgrade

President
of the FR Yugoslavia
Dr Vojislav Kostunica (*manu propria*)

**LAW ON CHANGES AND ADDENDA
OF THE LAW ON YUGOSLAV CITIZENSHIP**

Article 1

Article 12, para 1, item 1 of the Law on Yugoslav Citizenship ("Official Gazette of FRY" no. 33/96) is hereby changed to read:

"1) that he/she is 18 years of age;"

Item 5 is changed to read:

"5) that it may be concluded from his/her behaviour that he/she will observe the judicial system of Yugoslavia".

Article 2

After article 12 a new article 12a is added which shall read:

"Article 12a

A foreigner married to a Yugoslav citizen for a minimum of three years and granted a permit for permanent residence in Yugoslavia may be accepted into Yugoslav citizenship if there are no impediments as mentioned in the Article 12, para 1, items 4 and 5 hereof".

Article 3

Article 47 is changed to read:

"Article 47

- (1) A citizen of SFRY who is a citizen of another republic of SFRY (hereinafter: citizen of another SFRY republic) who at the date of proclamation of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 27 April 1992 had habitual residence on the territory of Yugoslavia and the children of that citizen born after that date, as well as a citizen of another SFRY republic who accepted to be transformed into a professional commissioned officer and professional non-commissioned officer i.e. civil person employed by the Yugoslav Army and a member of his/her immediate family (spouse and children) – if he/she does not hold another citizenship may acquire Yugoslav citizenship.
- (2) An application for entry into the Registries of Yugoslav Citizens shall be lodged to the federal authority in charge of internal affairs directly or through the competent diplomatic or consular office of Yugoslavia.
- (3) An application for entry into the Registries of Yugoslav Citizens of a child that has not yet turned 18 years of age shall be lodged by a parent. If a child is over 14 years of age, his/her consent shall be sought for entry into the Registry of Yugoslav Citizens."

Article 4

Article 48 is changed to read:

"Article 48

- (1) A citizen of SFRY who holds citizenship of another SFRY republic or of another state founded on the territory of SFRY who resides on the territory of Yugoslavia or has fled abroad as a refugee, expellee or a displaced person may be accepted into Yugoslav citizenship if he/she submits a request for entry into Yugoslav citizenship to the federal authority in charge of internal affairs.
- (2) A citizen of SFRY residing in Yugoslavia or abroad who does not hold citizenship of any state founded on the territory of SFRY may be accepted into Yugoslav citizenship.
- (3) Fulfilment of conditions for admission into Yugoslav citizenship referred to under paras 1 and 2 hereof shall be subject to decision by the federal and republican authority in charge of internal affairs, pursuant to its competencies established by the law and taking into consideration the interests of security, defence and international status of Yugoslavia.

- (4) The request for admission into Yugoslav citizenship shall be submitted with the federal authority in charge of internal affairs directly or through a diplomatic or consular office of Yugoslavia. The diplomatic or consular office of Yugoslavia shall immediately forward the request for admission into Yugoslav citizenship to the federal authority in charge of internal affairs.
- (5) A parent shall submit the request for admission into Yugoslav citizenship of a child who has not turned 18. If the child is over 14 years of age, his/her consent shall be sought.
- (6) The request for admission into Yugoslav citizenship shall state the citizenship of a member republic that the applicant wishes to be accepted into.
- (7) The Yugoslav citizenship is acquired on the date of delivery of the decision on admission into Yugoslav citizenship."

Article 5

In Article 50, para 1 after the words: "Yugoslav citizens" the comma and the words "citizen of another republic of SFRY" shall be deleted.

In para 2, item 6 after the words "SFRY" the semi-colon shall be deleted and the words: "or citizenship of another state founded on the territory of SFRY" shall be added."

Article 6

The procedure of deciding upon request for admission into Yugoslav citizenship that has begun before entry into force of this Law shall be finalised pursuant to the decisions of this Law.

Article 7

This Law shall enter into force from the date of its publication in the "Official Gazette of FRY."