

The Republic of Yemen In the Name of Allah the Merciful, the Compassionate
Ministry of Legal Affairs

**Law Number (25) for the Year 2010 for the Amendment of the Law Number (6) for
the Year 1990 concerning the Yemeni Citizenship**

In the name of the People:
The President of the Republic:

Having considered the Constitution of the Republic of Yemen;
and the Law Number (6) for the Year 1990, concerning the Yemeni Citizenship.
and following approval by the House of Representatives

We hereby enact the Law which read as follows:

Article (1). Amendment of Article (3) of Law Number (6) for the Year 1990 concerning
the Yemeni Citizenship that was amended by Law Number (17) for the year 2009 in
accordance with what follows:

Article (3). The Yemeni Citizenship shall be enjoyed by:

1. A. Who was born to a father or mother, who enjoys this Citizenship, inside or outside
the Republic.

B. For a person born to a Yemeni mother and a foreign father before the date that
this Law entered into effect; s/he shall declare his desire to enjoy the Yemeni
Citizenship, within the period of three years starting from the date this Law came into
effect, and s/he shall be considered a Yemeni upon the issuance of a decision from
the Minister, or by the elapse of a period of one year from the date of the
announcement, without the issuance of reasoned rejection decision.

C. For the enjoyment of the Yemeni Citizenship by who was born to a legally married
Yemeni mother and foreign father before the effective date of this Law, according to
Sub-Article (B) of this article, shall result in that his/her minor children shall enjoy this
Citizenship derivatively.

D. For a person whose foreign citizenship is established alongside with the Yemeni
Citizenship in accordance with Sub-Article (A) of this Article, s/he shall declare to the
Minister her/his desire to renounce the Yemeni citizenship within a year of the
attainment of the age of majority. In the case of a minor, the declaration of such
desire shall be made by his/her father or mother, or, in the absence of the mother or
father, by the minor's guardian. The implementing Executive Regulations shall
specify the procedures to be followed to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

2. Who was born in Yemen to unknown parents, an infant found in Yemen shall be
deemed as having been born in Yemen unless there is evidence to the contrary.

3. Expatriates who possessed the Yemeni Citizenship, when s/he departed the country and did not renounce this Citizenship in accordance with the law, and upon an explicit application even if they acquired the citizenship of the country where he resides therein in pursuance with its laws.

Article (2) To be included in the Law Number (6) for the Year 1990, concerning the Yemeni Citizenship, Article Number (10 bis) that reads as follows:

Sub-Article 1. Every Yemeni man desiring to marry a foreign woman must notify the Minister of Interior accordingly.

Sub-Article 2. Every Yemeni woman desiring to marry a foreign man must submit a request to obtain a permission of the Minister in accordance with the conditions and regulations that are stipulated in the Executive Regulation, provided that consideration must be given to marriages involving Yemeni's who possess foreign citizenships.

Article (3) This law shall come into effect on the date of its enactment and shall be published in official gazette.

Enacted at Precedency of the Republic in Sana'a
Dated: 15/Zu El-Hijja/ 1431 Hegira
Co-inside with 21/November/ 2010 Miladi

President of the Yemeni Republic
Ali Abdu Allah Saleh