

# Law No. (7) of 1990 AD concerning Passports

## **IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE,**

- CHAIRMAN of the Presidential Council,
- AFTER having perused the Agreement on the Declaration of the Republic of Yemen,
- AND the Constitution of the Republic of Yemen,
- AND following approval of the Council of Deputies and the presidential Council,

We have promulgated the following law:

Article (1) : The passports that are issued in the name of the Republic of Yemen shall be determined as follows:

- 1- Diplomatic passports.
- 2- Special passports.
- 3- Service passports.
- 4- Ordinary passports.

Article (2) : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be concerned with the issue and renewal of diplomatic, special and service passports. The Law regulating it shall determine the form and content of each passport and the procedures related to its issue.

Article (3) : The Ministry of the interior and its branches in the governorates shall be concerned with the dispensation, granting and renewal of ordinary passports, as well as travel documents as follows:

- 1- Travel documents for the pilgrims proceeding to the Holy House of Allh from among the sons of the Republic of Yemen.
- 2- Exigent travel documents for the sons of the Republic of Yemen.
- 3- Nationality certificate and an identity card for subjects of the Republic of Yemen who are sailors and captains of ships engaged in marine work.
- 4- A dhow sailor's certificate and travel documents for the sons of the Republic of Yemen engaged in the sphere of fishing within the marine lines of the Republic of Yemen and on board sail ships and small craft that work with engines within the scope of the territorial waters of the neighboring states.
- 5- Travel and departure permits for Arabs and foreigners residing in the Republic of Yemen and who are from those states that do not have diplomatic representation in the Republic of Yemen, and that upon their application or owing to their being unable to obtain a renewal of their expired or lost passports.

Article (4) : The validity of the ordinary passport shall be for eight years and renewable once only after four years. The resolution issued by the Minister of the Interior shall determine the form and color of the passport and the travel documents provided for under Article (3) of this law, as well as the statements contained therein along with other details concerning it, the procedures for granting it, and the law concerning that shall determine the amount of fees and the cases of whole or partial exemption there from.

Article (5) : The ordinary passports and the travel documents that are provided for under Article (3) shall be issued in the name of the Republic of Yemen by authorization from the Minster of the Interior, by the following quarters:

- 1- The Immigration, Passports and Nationality Authority and its branches in the governorates of the Republic.
- 2- The embassies and consulates of the Republic of Yemen abroad.

Article (6) : Ordinary passports and travel documents provided for under paragraphs 1 - 4 of Article (3) shall be issued to whomsoever attains the age of sixteen years and enjoys Yemeni nationality. As for minors they shall be added to the passport of one of the parents, if traveling in his company. It shall be possible to issue a passport to a minor when necessary and following the consent of his guardian.

Article (7) : The travel permits and departure permits provided for in paragraph (5) of Article (3) shall be disbursed to Arabs and foreigners resident in the Republic, and whose states have no diplomatic representation in the Republic of Yemen , and that upon their application, or owing to their inability to obtain a renewal of their expired or lost passports.

Article (8) : In the event of the loss of the passport its holder must inform the immigration and passports Authority or one of its branches in the governorates, or the nearest police station, or the nearest consulate or embassy of our country abroad, and that within a maximum period of 48 hours from the moment of discovery of the loss.

Article (9) : When a lost passport is found, its holder must inform the Immigration, Passports and Nationality Authority, or one of its branches in the governorates, or the nearest police station or the nearest consulate or embassy of our country abroad, and that within a maximum period of 48 hours.

Article (10) : Whosoever enjoys the nationality of the Republic of Yemen shall have the right to depart the territory of the Republic and return to it, if he/she holds a passport or travel document in accordance with the provisions of this law. Minors who have not attained the age of six years and are traveling in the company of one of their parents shall be exempt from the provisions of this Article, if they have been added to the passport and without prejudice to the contents of Article (6) of this law.

Article (11): It shall be the right of whosoever enjoys the nationality of the Republic of Yemen to leave and return to the territory of the Republic from the points assigned for that purpose, and with the permission of the competent employee through the marking thereof on the passport or on the document that takes its place.

Article (12) : The Chairman of the Immigration, passports and Nationality Authority, or whosoever is empowered on the basis of an order issued by the prosecution or the judiciary, must not permit a person to leave the country. In such a case the competent Immigration Officer must intimate that to the person if the passport or the travel document has already been marked with the permission which he then must cancel.

Article (13) : Every person who has been prohibited from travel in accordance with Article (12) has the right to object to the prohibition decision and that at the organs of the public Prosecution.

Article (14) : Whosoever destroys his Yemeni passport, be it obtained free of charge or against fees, shall be punished with a fine whose value does not exceed the value of the passport. In the event of the loss of a passport the fine shall be double the value of the passport.

Article (15) : By a resolution issued by the Minister of the Interior, he shall determine the points of entry into and exit from the Republic of Yemen.

Article (16) : Whosoever makes false statements or submits incorrect documents with his full knowledge thereof, for the purposes of facilitating for himself or others the obtaining of a visa or document enabling departure from the Republic and that before the competent authorities, shall be punished with imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding ten thousand riyals.

Article (17) : Any text that is contrary to this law or to its provisions shall be annulled.

Article (18) : The Minister of the Interior shall issue the Executive Regulation of this law in a manner that is not inconsistent with its provisions.

Article (19) : This law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force from the date of its promulgation.

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