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An Act relating to the National Anthem of Malaysia.

[4 April 1968]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong with the advice and consent of the Dewan Negara and Dewan Rakyat in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

#### Short title and application

**1.** This Act may be cited as the National Anthem Act 1968, and shall apply throughout Malaysia.

#### Interpretation

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

"abridged version" means the abridged version of the National Anthem specified in the Schedule;

"National Anthem" means the National Anthem of Malaysia being the composition consisting of the words and music specified in the Schedule;

"short version" means the short version of the National Anthem specified in the Schedule.

#### Playing of the full version of the National Anthem

**3.** (1) The full or Royal version of the National Anthem shall be played on the following occasions:

(a) when a salute is given for His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, or His Royal Highness the Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong while exercising the functions of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, or a Ruler nominated to exercise the functions of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in accordance with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong (Exercise of Functions) Act 1957 [*Act 373*], or when the royal standard is broken to symbolize the presence of His Majesty;

- (b) during official parades or other official ceremonial functions;
- (c) on all occasions when His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is present in person (including broadcasts by His Majesty);
- (d) when the flag of Malaysia is brought on parades;
- (e) when regimental colours are presented; and
- (f) for hoisting of the colours in the Navy.

(2) The full or Royal version of the National Anthem may be played in schools for the purpose of teaching pupils thereof to sing the National Anthem.

(3) The full or Royal version of the National Anthem shall be played on any other occasion as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong may by order prescribe.

#### Playing of the abridged version of the National Anthem

**4.** (1) The abridged version shall be played as a salute on all official occasions for—

- (a) Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong;
- (b) Their Excellencies the Yang di-Pertua-Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Malacca, Penang, Sabah and Sarawak.

(2) The abridged version of the National Anthem shall be played on any other occasion as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong may by order prescribe.

#### Playing of the short version of the National Anthem

5. On any official occasion when His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong or his representative is not present but one of Their Royal Highnesses the Rulers of the States is present, the short version shall be played at the conclusion of the occasion immediately after the relevant State Anthem has been played.

#### Playing of National Anthem on special occasions

**6.** (1) At all official receptions to foreign dignitaries at which the salute is given the full or Royal version of the National Anthem shall be played immediately after the Anthem of the country of the visiting dignitary has been played.

(2) At all official occasions arranged by foreign Missions in Malaysia for celebrating their National Days or other National occasions the full or Royal version of the National Anthem shall be played immediately after the Anthem of the country of the foreign Mission has been played.

#### Singing of the National Anthem

**7.** On all occasions when the National Anthem is sung the full or Royal version shall be recited.

#### Mark of respect

8. (1) Whenever the National Anthem is played or sung or whenever the abridged or short version is played all persons present shall stand to attention as a mark of respect except where the National Anthem is played or sung in the course of a broadcast or newsreels as part of such broadcast or news-reels.

(2) Any person who knowingly shows disrespect towards the National Anthem in any public place shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred ringgit or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

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(3) For the purpose of this section failure to comply with subsection (1) without good and sufficient cause and any act or omission which would tend to lower the prestige of the National Anthem in the eyes of the public shall constitute a show of disrespect.

### Arrest without warrant

**9.** Any police officer may arrest without warrant any person offending in his sight against section 8 unless such person gives his name and address and satisfies such officer that he will duly answer any summons or other proceedings that will be taken against him.

### Amendment of Schedule

**10.** The Yang di-Pertuan Agong may by order amend, substitute or vary the Schedule.

#### Schedule

#### [Section 2]

# FULL OR ROYAL VERSION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF MALAYSIA



*NOTE*: For Full Version Play A B C For Abridged Version Cut From B To C For Short Version Play From C To End

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### LIST OF AMENDMENTS

Amending law	Short title	In force from
P.U. (A) 230/1993	National Anthem (Modification of Tempo) Order 1993	27-08-1993
P.U. (A) 313/2003	National Anthem (Modification of Tempo) Order 2003	31-08-2003

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