

**S.I. 2 of 2022****CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES***(Cap 42)***Masters of the Supreme Court (Amendment of Jurisdiction and Powers) Rules, 2022**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 136(2) read together with Article 125(5) of the Constitution, the Chief Justice hereby makes the following Rules —

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Masters of the Supreme Court (Amendment of Jurisdiction and Powers) Rules, 2022.

**2.** Rule 3 of the Masters of the Supreme Court (Jurisdiction and Powers) Rules, 2008, is hereby amended by repealing the existing Rule 3(1) and replacing it with the following —

“3. (1) In exercising such functions as provided in Rule 2, a Master shall have the power and jurisdiction to deal with matters, including the following —

- (a) Rectification of entries in the Births and Deaths Registers;
- (b) Application for late registration of births;
- (c) Uncontested adoptions, interdictions and guardianships;
- (d) Uncontested divorce cases;
- (e) Orders in the nature of provisional seizures, attachments, inhibitions, cautions and restrictions and interim injunctions;
- (f) Review of payments by judgment debtors excluding issuing of warrants for arrests and examination of judgment debtors as to their means prior to committal;

- (g) Uncontested matters under the Anti-Money Laundering Act;
- (h) Uncontested matters under the Proceeds of Crime (Civil Confiscation) Act; and
- (i) Petitions under the Presumptions of Deaths Act.

“(2) Except for a matter falling under Rule 3(1)(i) where in any other matter, a dispute requiring a final order arises, such matter, at that stage shall be referred to a Judge for determination.”

**MADE this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.**

**RONY JAMES GOVINDEN  
CHIEF JUSTICE**

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