

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR

GOVERNMENT

Decree-Law No. 5/2003

Of 10 March

MODIFICATION OF THE LEGAL REGIME FOR PASSPORTS

The progressive establishment of consular sections of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste overseas, particularly since the publication of the legal regime for passports, implies that the issuance of passports can now take place overseas.

To this effect, it is now necessary that Decree-Law No. 2/2002, of 20 September, be modified in order to allow the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation to grant and issue passports overseas, which will also streamline bureaucracy and make passport issuance-related procedures more expeditious.

Under these terms and pursuant to subparagraph b), paragraph 1, and of paragraph 3, section 115, of the Constitution, the Government enacts the following that shall have the force of law:

Section 1

Modification of Decree-Law No. 2/2002, of 20 September

Section 11 of Decree-Law No. 2/2002, of 20 September, shall now read as follows:

Section 11

Ordinary passport

1. An ordinary passport may only be granted to East Timorese nationals.
2. The granting and issuance of an ordinary passport shall be incumbent upon the Ministry of Justice, when issued within the national territory, and the consulates and consular sections at the embassies of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, when issued overseas.

Section 2

Effectiveness

The present Decree-Law shall take effect as from the date of entry into force of Decree-Law No. 2/2002, of 20 September.

Approved by the Council of Ministers on 11 December 2002.

The Prime Minister

Mari Bim Amude Alkatiri

The Senior Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, ad interim

Jorge Teme

The Minister of Justice

Ana Pessoa Pinto

Promulgated on 3 February 2003.

To be published.

The President of the Republic

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