PROCLAMATION NO. 467/2005.

A PROCLAMATION TO AMEND THE AUTHENTICATION AND REGISTRATION OF DOCUMENTS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the Authentication and Registration of Documents Proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Article 55 (1) of the Constitution, of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, it is hereby proclaimed as follows;

1. Short Title

This Proclamation may be cited as “Authentication and Registration of Documents (Amendment) Proclamation No. 467/2005.”

2. Amendment

The Authentication and Registration of Documents Proclamation No.334/2003 is hereby amended as follows:

1/ Sub-Article (1) of Article 20 of the Proclamation is deleted and replaced by the following new Sub-Article (1):

“1) The Notary Offices established in Addis Ababa and Dire Daws cities shall perform their functions under the directions of the Ministry of Justice.
2/ Article 22 of the Proclamation is deleted and replaced by the following New Article 22:

"22) Organization

The Office shall have a head (hereinafter the ‘Head’) to be appointed by the Minister of Justice and the necessary staff,"

3/ Article 23 of the Proclamation is deleted and replaced by the following New Article 23:

"23) Powers and Duties of the Head

1) The Head shall direct and administer the Office in accordance with the general directives given to him by the Ministry of Justice.

2) Without prejudice to the generality of Sub-Article (1) of this Article, the Head shall:

a) employ, administer and dismiss departmental heads and other employees of the Office in accordance with the federal civil service laws with the approval of the Ministry of Justice;

b) submit the annual budget and work programme of the Office to the Ministry of Justice and implement same upon approval;

c) prepare and submit internal regulations and directives to the Ministry of Justice and implement same upon approval;

d) represent the Office before third parties;

e) submit to the Ministry of Justice reports concerning the performance of activities of the Office;

f) carry out other related activities that may be assigned to him by the Ministry of Justice."

4/ Sub-Article (2) of Article 24 of the Proclamation is deleted and replaced by the following new Sub-Article (2):

"..."
5/ Sub-Article (2) of Article 25 of the Proclamation is deleted and replaced by the following new Sub-Article (2):

"2) Books of accounts of the Office shall be audited by the Federal Auditor General or by an auditor assigned by him."

6/ Article 33 of the Proclamation is deleted and replaced by the following New Article 33:

"33) Power to Issue Regulations

Regional states and the Council of Ministers, with respect to Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa cities, may issue regulations for the implementation of the Proclamation."

3. Effective Date

The Proclamation shall enter into force on the 30th day of June, 2005.

Done at Addis Ababa, the 30th day of June, 2005

GIRMA WOLDEGIORGIS
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA