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CAYMAN ISLANDS

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2019

(Law 26 of 2019)

A LAW TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (2018 REVISION) BY REPLACING REFERENCE TO THE FORMER CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WITH THE NAME OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED CUSTOMS AND BORDER CONTROL SERVICE; BY REMOVING FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST IN SECTION 26(1) EXEMPT RECORDS UNDER SECTION 19(1)(A) OF THE LAW TO PREVENT THE UNINTENDED DISCLOSURE OF CABINET AND NATIONAL SECURITY EXEMPTED RECORDS; AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED PURPOSES

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Law may be cited as the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Law, 2019.

   (2) Section 4 is deemed to have come into force on 14th June, 2019.
Amendment of section 3 of the Freedom of Information Law (2018 Revision) - application
2. The Freedom of Information Law (2018 Revision), in this Law referred to as the “principal Law”, is amended in section 3(8) by repealing paragraphs (c) and (d) and substituting the following paragraph —
“(c) the Customs and Border Control Service;”.

Amendment of section 23 - records relating to personal information
3. The principal Law is amended in section 23 as follows —
   (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words “natural person” and substituting the word “individual”; and
   (b) by repealing subsection (5) and substituting the following subsection —
      “(5) Where the Data Protection Law, 2017 does not permit disclosure or publication of a record or part of a record, that record or part of the record shall be exempt from disclosure under subsection (1), and section 26(1) shall not apply.”.

Amendment of section 26 - granting access to exempt information
4. The principal Law is amended in section 26(1) by deleting the words “19(1)(a),”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the 6th day of December, 2019.

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush
Speaker

Zena Merren-Chin
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly