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An Act to give effect to the provisions of certain treaties of commerce and navigation relating to the administration of the estates of deceased nationals of certain foreign states.

1. Administration of estates by consular officers

Whenever any subject or citizen of any State mentioned in the first column of the Schedule to this Act—

- (a) dies within Uganda; or
- (b) dies outside Uganda, leaving property within Uganda, and no person is present in Uganda at the time of his or her death who is rightfully entitled to administer the estate of the deceased person, the consul, vice consul, or consular agent of that State within Uganda may take possession and have the custody of the property of the deceased person, and may apply the property in payment of his or her debts and funeral expenses, and may retain the surplus for the benefit of the persons entitled to it; but the consul, vice consul or consular agent shall immediately apply for, and shall be entitled to obtain from the court, letters of administration of the property of the deceased person, limited in such manner and for such time as to the court shall seem fit.

2. Variation of Schedule

The Minister may by statutory order vary the Schedule to this Act—

- (a) by deleting from it any State when the provision of the treaty with that State mentioned in the Schedule has ceased to have effect;
- (b) by adding to it any State with whom the Government shall make a treaty of commerce and navigation containing provision similar to any of the provisions mentioned in the Schedule.

Schedule (s. 2)

State to which Chapter applies

[As of the 31st December, 1964, the treaties specified in this Schedule had ceased to have effect in relation to Uganda.]