

Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children (Amendment)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN, YOUNG PERSONS AND CHILDREN ACT, NO. 47 OF 1956

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :-

[21st August , 2006]

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children (Amendment) Act, No. 24 of 2006.

Insertion of new section 20A. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 20 of the Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act, No. 47 of 1956, and shall have effect as section 20A thereof :-
1956.

"Prohibition 20A.

against

persons

under

eighteen

years of age

being

employed in

hazardous

occupations.

(1) No person under the age of eighteen years shall be employed in any hazardous occupation, which shall be prescribed in accordance with the guidelines specified in subsection (2).

(2) In prescribing hazardous occupations for purpose of the subsection (1), the Minister shall take into consideration the nature or the circumstances in which the occupation is being carried out and the harm that may be caused as a result thereof to the health, safety or morals of a person referred to in subsection (1).

(3) Any person who employs a person under the age of eighteen years in contravention of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of offence and shall, on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a period not exceeding twelve months or to both such fine and imprisonment and shall in addition, be ordered to pay as compensation of such amount as may be determined by the Magistrate, to the person in respect of whom the offence was committed. "

Sinhala text to prevail in case of any inconsistency.

3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.