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No. 10

An Act to amend certain Acts to address Public Registries Enhancement

(Assented to _____)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Public Registries Enhancement) Amendment Act, 2024*.

SS 2021, c 6 amended

2(1) *The Business Corporations Act, 2021* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) The following sections are added after section 22-7:

“Identity verification

22-7.1(1) Subject to the regulations, the Registrar may verify the identity of the following persons in the manner the Registrar considers appropriate:

- (a) a person conducting a search of the Corporate Registry;
- (b) a person submitting a document to the Registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the Corporate Registry;
- (c) a person referred to in a document mentioned in clause (b);
- (d) any other prescribed person.

(2) Subject to the regulations, any information respecting the verification of a person's identity by the Registrar pursuant to subsection (1):

- (a) does not form part of the Corporate Registry and, subject to clause (b), is not available to the public, whether through a search of the Corporate Registry or otherwise; and
- (b) may be disclosed by the Registrar:
 - (i) to any of the following to assist with an investigation:
 - (A) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - (B) any police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
 - (C) the Canada Revenue Agency;
 - (D) any other prescribed entity; and
 - (ii) in any other prescribed circumstances.

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“Digital signatures

22-7.2(1) In this section, ‘**digital signature**’ means a signature in an electronic form used by a person to sign a document and that is in, attached to or associated with the document.

(2) *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000* does not apply to a digital signature mentioned in this section.

(3) Subject to the regulations, the Registrar may determine:

(a) the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the Registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the Corporate Registry;

(b) the persons who may use digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the Registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the Corporate Registry; and

(c) the documents mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) that may be signed with a digital signature”.

(3) The following clauses are added after clause 22-26(w):

“(w.1) respecting the verification of identities pursuant to section 22-7.1, including:

(i) prescribing circumstances in which the Registrar shall verify a person’s identity;

(ii) for the purposes of clause 22-7.1(1)(d), prescribing any other person whose identity may be verified by the Registrar;

(iii) exempting any information or category of information from the application of clause 22-7.1(2)(a);

(iv) for the purposes of subclauses 22-7.1(2)(b)(i) and (ii), prescribing:

(A) any other entities to whom or circumstances in which the Registrar may disclose information; and

(B) entities to whom or circumstances in which the Registrar shall not disclose information; and

(v) respecting any other matter that is necessary for the purposes of section 22-7.1;

“(w.2) respecting access to or disclosure of information in the Corporate Registry, including disclosure of large volumes of information in the Corporate Registry, and respecting any privacy requirements that must be complied with by any person to whom information from the Corporate Registry is disclosed;

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“(w.3) respecting the use of information in the Corporate Registry, including the integration of Registry information with other information to develop products and services, as long as the use of information is done in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which the information was collected or is otherwise reasonable, justifiable or in the public interest;

“(w.4) respecting the use of digital signatures pursuant to section 22-7.2, including:

- (i) prescribing the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures for documents received, filed or registered in the Corporate Registry;
- (ii) prescribing persons who may use digital signatures; and
- (iii) prescribing which documents may be signed with digital signatures when submitted for receipt, filing or registration in the Corporate Registry”.

RSS 1978, c B-11 amended

3(1) *The Business Names Registration Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) The following clause is added after clause 2(f):

“(g) ‘**registry**’ means the public registry mentioned in subsection 4(2.1)”.

(3) The following sections are added after section 22:

“Identity verification

22.1(1) Subject to the regulations, the registrar may verify the identity of the following persons in the manner the registrar considers appropriate:

- (a) a person conducting a search of the registry;
- (b) a person submitting a document to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the registry;
- (c) a person referred to in a document mentioned in clause (b);
- (d) any other prescribed person.

(2) Subject to the regulations, any information respecting the verification of a person’s identity by the registrar pursuant to subsection (1):

- (a) does not form part of the registry and, subject to clause (b), is not available to the public, whether through a search of the registry or otherwise; and
- (b) may be disclosed by the registrar:
 - (i) to any of the following to assist with an investigation:
 - (A) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - (B) any police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
 - (C) the Canada Revenue Agency;
 - (D) any other prescribed entity; and
 - (ii) in any other prescribed circumstances.

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“Digital signatures

22.2(1) In this section, ‘**digital signature**’ means a signature in an electronic form used by a person to sign a document and that is in, attached to or associated with the document.

(2) *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000* does not apply to a digital signature mentioned in this section.

(3) Subject to the regulations, the registrar may determine:

(a) the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the registry;

(b) the persons who may use digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the registry; and

(c) the documents mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) that may be signed with a digital signature”.

(4) Section 24 is amended:

(a) by adding the following clauses after clause (f):

“(f.1) respecting the verification of identities pursuant to section 22.1, including:

(i) prescribing circumstances in which the registrar shall verify a person’s identity;

(ii) for the purposes of clause 22.1(1)(d), prescribing any other person whose identity may be verified by the registrar;

(iii) exempting any information or category of information from the application of clause 22.1(2)(a);

(iv) for the purposes of subclauses 22.1(2)(b)(i) and (ii), prescribing:

(A) any other entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar may disclose information; and

(B) entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar shall not disclose information; and

(v) respecting any other matter that is necessary for the purposes of section 22.1;

“(f.2) respecting access to or disclosure of information in the registry, including disclosure of large volumes of information in the registry, and respecting any privacy requirements that must be complied with by any person to whom information from the registry is disclosed;

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“(f.3) respecting the use of information in the registry, including the integration of registry information with other information to develop products and services, as long as the use of information is done in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which the information was collected or is otherwise reasonable, justifiable or in the public interest;

“(f.4) respecting the use of digital signatures pursuant to section 22.2, including:

- (i) prescribing the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures for documents received, filed or registered in the registry;
- (ii) prescribing persons who may use digital signatures; and
- (iii) prescribing which documents may be signed with digital signatures when submitted for receipt, filing or registration in the registry”; **and**

(b) by repealing clause (g.1).

SS 1984-85-86, c C-45.1 amended

4(1) *The Credit Union Act, 1985* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) The following clause is added after clause 2(1)(cc):

“(cc.1) ‘**register**’ means the register mentioned in section 225”.

(3) The following subsections are added after subsection 225(2):

“(3) The Corporate Registry continued pursuant to *The Business Corporations Act, 2021* may be used as the register mentioned in subsection (1).

“(4) Notwithstanding clause 2(i) of *The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act*, the Registrar of Corporations is not a financial services regulator as defined in that Act”.

(4) The following sections are added after section 225:

“Identity verification

225.1(1) Subject to the regulations, the registrar or the Registrar of Corporations may verify the identity of the following persons in the manner the registrar or Registrar of Corporations considers appropriate:

- (a) a person conducting a search of the register;
- (b) a person submitting a document to the registrar or Registrar of Corporations for receipt, filing or registration in the register;
- (c) a person referred to in a document mentioned in clause (b);
- (d) any other prescribed person.

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(2) Subject to the regulations, any information respecting the verification of a person's identity by the registrar or Registrar of Corporations pursuant to subsection (1):

- (a) does not form part of the register and, subject to clause (b), is not available to the public, whether through a search of the register or otherwise; and
- (b) may be disclosed by the registrar or Registrar of Corporations:
 - (i) to any of the following to assist with an investigation:
 - (A) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - (B) any police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
 - (C) the Canada Revenue Agency;
 - (D) any other prescribed entity; and
 - (ii) in any other prescribed circumstances.

“Digital signatures

225.2(1) In this section, ‘**digital signature**’ means a signature in an electronic form used by a person to sign a document and that is in, attached to or associated with the document.

(2) *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000* does not apply to a digital signature mentioned in this section.

(3) Subject to the regulations, the registrar or Registrar of Corporations may determine:

- (a) the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar or Registrar of Corporations for receipt, filing or registration in the register;
- (b) the persons who may use digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar or Registrar of Corporations for receipt, filing or registration in the register; and
- (c) the documents mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) that may be signed with a digital signature”.

(5) The following clauses are added after clause 244(1)(b):

“(b.1) respecting the verification of identities pursuant to section 225.1, including:

- (i) prescribing circumstances in which the registrar or Registrar of Corporations shall verify a person's identity;
- (ii) for the purposes of clause 225.1(1)(d), prescribing any other person whose identity may be verified by the registrar or Registrar of Corporations;
- (iii) exempting any information or category of information from the application of clause 225.1(2)(a);

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- (iv) for the purposes of subclauses 225.1(2)(b)(i) and (ii), prescribing:
 - (A) any other entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar or Registrar of Corporations may disclose information; and
 - (B) entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar or Registrar of Corporations shall not disclose information; and
- (v) respecting any other matter that is necessary for the purposes of section 225.1;
 - “(b.2) respecting access to or disclosure of information in the register, including disclosure of large volumes of information in the register, and respecting any privacy requirements that must be complied with by any person to whom information from the register is disclosed;
 - “(b.3) respecting the use of information in the register, including the integration of register information with other information to develop products and services, as long as the use of information is done in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which the information was collected or is otherwise reasonable, justifiable or in the public interest;
 - “(b.4) respecting the use of digital signatures pursuant to section 225.2, including:
 - (i) prescribing the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures for documents received, filed or registered in the register;
 - (ii) prescribing persons who may use digital signatures; and
 - (iii) prescribing which documents may be signed with digital signatures when submitted for receipt, filing or registration in the register”.

SS 1998, c C-45.2 amended

5(1) *The Credit Union Act, 1998* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) The following subsections are added after subsection 413(2):

“(3) The Corporate Registry continued pursuant to *The Business Corporations Act, 2021* may be used as the register mentioned in subsection (1).

“(4) Notwithstanding clause 2(i) of *The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act*, the Registrar of Corporations is not a financial services regulator as defined in that Act.

“(5) Section 415 does not apply to records and information contained within the register mentioned in subsection (1)”.

(3) The following sections are added after section 413:

“Identity verification

413.1(1) Subject to the regulations, the registrar or the Registrar of Corporations may verify the identity of the following persons in the manner the registrar or Registrar of Corporations considers appropriate:

- (a) a person conducting a search of the register;
- (b) a person submitting a document to the registrar or Registrar of Corporations for receipt, filing or registration in the register;

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- (c) a person referred to in a document mentioned in clause (b);
- (d) any other prescribed person.

(2) Subject to the regulations, any information respecting the verification of a person's identity by the registrar or Registrar of Corporations pursuant to subsection (1):

- (a) does not form part of the register and, subject to clause (b), is not available to the public, whether through a search of the register or otherwise; and
- (b) notwithstanding section 415, may be disclosed by the registrar or Registrar of Corporations:
 - (i) to any of the following to assist with an investigation:
 - (A) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - (B) any police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
 - (C) the Canada Revenue Agency;
 - (D) any other prescribed entity; and
 - (ii) in any other prescribed circumstances.

“Digital signatures

413.2(1) In this section, ‘**digital signature**’ means a signature in an electronic form used by a person to sign a document and that is in, attached to or associated with the document.

(2) *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000* does not apply to a digital signature mentioned in this section.

(3) Subject to the regulations, the registrar or Registrar of Corporations may determine:

- (a) the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar or Registrar of Corporations for receipt, filing or registration in the register;
- (b) the persons who may use digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar or Registrar of Corporations for receipt, filing or registration in the register; and
- (c) the documents mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) that may be signed with a digital signature”.

(4) The following clauses are added after clause 440(1)(ii):

“(ii.1) respecting the verification of identities pursuant to section 413.1, including:

- (i) prescribing circumstances in which the registrar or Registrar of Corporations shall verify a person's identity;
- (ii) for the purposes of clause 413.1(1)(d), prescribing any other person whose identity may be verified by the registrar or Registrar of Corporations;

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- (iii) exempting any information or category of information from the application of clause 413.1(2)(a);
 - (iv) for the purposes of subclauses 413.1(2)(b)(i) and (ii), prescribing:
 - (A) any other entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar or Registrar of Corporations may disclose information; and
 - (B) entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar or Registrar of Corporations shall not disclose information; and
 - (v) respecting any other matter that is necessary for the purposes of section 413.1;
- “(ii.2) respecting access to or disclosure of information in the register, including disclosure of large volumes of information in the register, and respecting any privacy requirements that must be complied with by any person to whom information from the register is disclosed;
- “(ii.3) respecting the use of information in the register, including the integration of register information with other information to develop products and services, as long as the use of information is done in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which the information was collected or is otherwise reasonable, justifiable or in the public interest;
- “(ii.4) respecting the use of digital signatures pursuant to section 413.2, including:
- (i) prescribing the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures for documents received, filed or registered in the register;
 - (ii) prescribing persons who may use digital signatures; and
 - (iii) prescribing which documents may be signed with digital signatures when submitted for receipt, filing or registration in the register”.

SS 2000, c L-4.1 amended

6(1) *The Land Surveys Act, 2000* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) The following section is added after section 5.1:

“Identity verification

5.2(1) Subject to the regulations, the Controller may verify the identity of the following persons in the manner the Controller considers appropriate:

- (a) a person conducting a search of the land surveys directory;
- (b) a person submitting a document to the Controller for receipt, filing or registration in the land surveys directory;
- (c) a person referred to in a document mentioned in clause (b);
- (d) any other prescribed person.

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- (2) Subject to the regulations, any information respecting the verification of a person's identity by the Controller pursuant to subsection (1):
- (a) does not form part of the land surveys directory and, subject to clause (b), is not available to the public, whether through a search of the land surveys directory or otherwise; and
 - (b) may be disclosed by the Controller:
 - (i) to any of the following to assist with an investigation:
 - (A) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - (B) any police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
 - (C) the Canada Revenue Agency;
 - (D) any other prescribed entity; and
 - (ii) in any other prescribed circumstances”.
- (3) **Subsection 85(1) is amended:**
- (a) **by adding the following clause after clause (b):**

“(b.1) respecting the verification of identities pursuant to section 5.2, including:

 - (i) prescribing circumstances in which the Controller shall verify a person's identity;
 - (ii) for the purposes of clause 5.2(1)(d), prescribing any other person whose identity may be verified by the Controller;
 - (iii) exempting any information or category of information from the application of clause 5.2(2)(a);
 - (iv) for the purposes of subclauses 5.2(2)(b)(i) and (ii), prescribing:
 - (A) any other entities to whom or circumstances in which the Controller may disclose information; and
 - (B) entities to whom or circumstances in which the Controller shall not disclose information; and
 - (v) respecting any other matter that is necessary for the purposes of section 5.2”; **and**
 - (b) **by adding the following clause after clause (cc):**

“(cc.1) respecting the use of information in the land surveys directory, including the integration of land surveys directory information with other information to develop products and services, as long as the use of information is done in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which the information was collected or is otherwise reasonable, justifiable or in the public interest”.

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SS 2000, c L-5.1 amended

7(1) *The Land Titles Act, 2000* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) The following section is added after section 6.1:

“Identity verification

6.2(1) Subject to the regulations, the Registrar may verify the identity of the following persons in the manner the Registrar considers appropriate:

- (a) a person conducting a search of the land titles registry;
- (b) a person submitting a document to the Registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the land titles registry;
- (c) a person referred to in a document mentioned in clause (b);
- (d) any other prescribed person.

(2) Subject to the regulations, any information respecting the verification of a person’s identity by the Registrar pursuant to subsection (1):

- (a) does not form part of the land titles registry and, subject to clause (b), is not available to the public, whether through a search of the land titles registry or otherwise; and
- (b) may be disclosed by the Registrar:
 - (i) to any of the following to assist with an investigation:
 - (A) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - (B) any police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
 - (C) the Canada Revenue Agency;
 - (D) any other prescribed entity; and
 - (ii) in any other prescribed circumstances”.

(3) The following clause is added after clause 187(1)(d):

“(d.1) respecting the verification of identities pursuant to section 6.2, including:

- (i) prescribing circumstances in which the Registrar shall verify a person’s identity;
- (ii) for the purposes of clause 6.2(1)(d), prescribing any other person whose identity may be verified by the Registrar;
- (iii) exempting any information or category of information from the application of clause 6.2(2)(a);
- (iv) for the purposes of subclauses 6.2(2)(b)(i) and (ii), prescribing:
 - (A) any other entities to whom or circumstances in which the Registrar may disclose information; and
 - (B) entities to whom or circumstances in which the Registrar shall not disclose information; and
- (v) respecting any other matter that is necessary for the purposes of section 6.2”.

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RSS 1978, c L-14 amended

8(1) *The Libel and Slander Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) Sections 18 to 24 are repealed.

(3) Schedules A and B are repealed.

SS 1999, c N-4.001 amended

9(1) *The New Generation Co-operatives Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) The following sections are added after section 337:

“Identity verification

337.1(1) Subject to the regulations, the registrar may verify the identity of the following persons in the manner the registrar considers appropriate:

- (a) a person conducting a search of the register;
- (b) a person submitting a document to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the register;
- (c) a person referred to in a document mentioned in clause (b);
- (d) any other prescribed person.

(2) Subject to the regulations, any information respecting the verification of a person’s identity by the registrar pursuant to subsection (1):

- (a) does not form part of the register and, subject to clause (b), is not available to the public, whether through a search of the register or otherwise; and
- (b) may be disclosed by the registrar:
 - (i) to any of the following to assist with an investigation:
 - (A) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - (B) any police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
 - (C) the Canada Revenue Agency;
 - (D) any other prescribed entity; and
 - (ii) in any other prescribed circumstances.

“Digital signatures

337.2(1) In this section, **‘digital signature’** means a signature in an electronic form used by a person to sign a document and that is in, attached to or associated with the document.

(2) *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000* does not apply to a digital signature mentioned in this section.

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- (3) Subject to the regulations, the registrar may determine:
- (a) the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the register;
 - (b) the persons who may use digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the register; and
 - (c) the documents mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) that may be signed with a digital signature”.
- (3) Section 350 is amended:**
- (a) by adding the following clauses after clause (f):**
- “(f.1) respecting the verification of identities pursuant to section 337.1, including:
- (i) prescribing circumstances in which the registrar shall verify a person’s identity;
 - (ii) for the purposes of clause 337.1(1)(d), prescribing any other person whose identity may be verified by the registrar;
 - (iii) exempting any information or category of information from the application of clause 337.1(2)(a);
 - (iv) for the purposes of subclauses 337.1(2)(b)(i) and (ii), prescribing:
 - (A) any other entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar may disclose information; and
 - (B) entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar shall not disclose information; and
 - (v) respecting any other matter that is necessary for the purposes of section 337.1;
- “(f.2) respecting access to or disclosure of information in the register, including disclosure of large volumes of information in the register, and respecting any privacy requirements that must be complied with by any person to whom information from the register is disclosed;
- “(f.3) respecting the use of information in the register, including the integration of register information with other information to develop products and services, as long as the use of information is done in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which the information was collected or is otherwise reasonable, justifiable or in the public interest;

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“(f.4) respecting the use of digital signatures pursuant to section 337.2, including:

- (i) prescribing the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures for documents received, filed or registered in the register;
- (ii) prescribing persons who may use digital signatures; and
- (iii) prescribing which documents may be signed with digital signatures when submitted for receipt, filing or registration in the register”; **and**

(b) by repealing clause (g.1).

RSS 1978, c P-3 amended

10(1) *The Partnership Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) The following clause is added after clause 2(h):

“(i) ‘**registry**’ means the public registry mentioned in section 115”.

(3) The following sections are added after section 115:

“Identity verification

116(1) Subject to the regulations, the registrar may verify the identity of the following persons in the manner the registrar considers appropriate:

- (a) a person conducting a search of the registry;
- (b) a person submitting a document to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the registry;
- (c) a person referred to in a document mentioned in clause (b);
- (d) any other prescribed person.

(2) Subject to the regulations, any information respecting the verification of a person’s identity by the registrar pursuant to subsection (1):

- (a) does not form part of the registry and, subject to clause (b), is not available to the public, whether through a search of the registry or otherwise; and
- (b) may be disclosed by the registrar:
 - (i) to any of the following to assist with an investigation:
 - (A) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - (B) any police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
 - (C) the Canada Revenue Agency;
 - (D) any other prescribed entity; and
 - (ii) in any other prescribed circumstances.

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“Digital signatures

117(1) In this section, ‘**digital signature**’ means a signature in an electronic form used by a person to sign a document and that is in, attached to or associated with the document.

(2) *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000* does not apply to a digital signature mentioned in this section.

(3) Subject to the regulations, the registrar may determine:

(a) the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the registry;

(b) the persons who may use digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the registry; and

(c) the documents mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) that may be signed with a digital signature.

“Regulations

118 For the purposes of this Act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

(a) defining, enlarging or restricting the meaning of any word or expression used in this Act but not defined in this Act;

(b) respecting the verification of identities pursuant to section 116, including:

(i) prescribing circumstances in which the registrar shall verify a person’s identity;

(ii) for the purposes of clause 116(1)(d), prescribing any other person whose identity may be verified by the registrar;

(iii) exempting any information or category of information from the application of clause 116(2)(a);

(iv) for the purposes of subclauses 116(2)(b)(i) and (ii), prescribing:

(A) any other entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar may disclose information; and

(B) entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar shall not disclose information; and

(v) respecting any other matter that is necessary for the purposes of section 116;

(c) respecting access to or disclosure of information in the registry, including disclosure of large volumes of information in the registry, and respecting any privacy requirements that must be complied with by any person to whom information from the registry is disclosed;

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- (d) respecting the use of information in the registry, including the integration of registry information with other information to develop products and services, as long as the use of information is done in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which the information was collected or is otherwise reasonable, justifiable or in the public interest;
- (e) respecting the use of digital signatures pursuant to section 117, including:
 - (i) prescribing the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures for documents received, filed or registered in the registry;
 - (ii) prescribing persons who may use digital signatures; and
 - (iii) prescribing which documents may be signed with digital signatures when submitted for receipt, filing or registration in the registry;
- (f) prescribing any other matter or thing that is required or authorized by this Act to be prescribed in the regulations;
- (g) respecting any other matter or thing the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this Act”.

SS 1993, c P-6.2 amended

11(1) *The Personal Property Security Act, 1993* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) Subsection 34(1) is repealed and the following substituted:

“(1) In this section:

‘**crops**’ includes:

- (a) growing crops that are attached to land;
- (b) grains, fruits, vegetables or other produce resulting from harvesting or severance from the land; or
- (c) agricultural plants grown hydroponically or otherwise not attached to land and the produce resulting from harvesting or severance of those plants;

‘**non-proceeds security interest**’ or ‘**non-proceeds purchase-money security interest**’ means a security interest or purchase-money security interest, as the case may be, in original collateral”.

(3) The following sections are added after section 48:

“**Identity verification**

48.1(1) Subject to the regulations, the registrar may verify the identity of the following persons in the manner the registrar considers appropriate:

- (a) a person conducting a search of the registry;
- (b) a person submitting a document to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the registry;

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- (c) a person referred to in a document mentioned in clause (b);
- (d) any other prescribed person.

(2) Subject to the regulations, any information respecting the verification of a person's identity by the registrar pursuant to subsection (1):

- (a) does not form part of the registry and, subject to clause (b), is not available to the public, whether through a search of the registry or otherwise; and
- (b) may be disclosed by the registrar:
 - (i) to any of the following to assist with an investigation:
 - (A) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - (B) any police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
 - (C) the Canada Revenue Agency;
 - (D) any other prescribed entity; and
 - (ii) in any other prescribed circumstances.

“Digital signatures

48.2(1) In this section, ‘**digital signature**’ means a signature in an electronic form used by a person to sign a document and that is in, attached to or associated with the document.

(2) *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000* does not apply to a digital signature mentioned in this section.

(3) Subject to the regulations, the registrar may determine:

- (a) the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the registry;
- (b) the persons who may use digital signatures in, attached to or associated with documents submitted to the registrar for receipt, filing or registration in the registry; and
- (c) the documents mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) that may be signed with a digital signature”.

(4) The following clauses are added after clause 71(1)(p.7):

“(p.8) respecting the use of information in the registry, including the integration of registry information with other information to develop products and services, as long as the use of information is done in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which the information was collected or is otherwise reasonable, justifiable or in the public interest;

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“(p.9) respecting the verification of identities pursuant to section 48.1, including:

- (i) prescribing circumstances in which the registrar shall verify a person’s identity;
- (ii) for the purposes of clause 48.1(1)(d), prescribing any other person whose identity may be verified by the registrar;
- (iii) exempting any information or category of information from the application of clause 48.1(2)(a);
- (iv) for the purposes of subclauses 48.1(2)(b)(i) and (ii), prescribing:
 - (A) any other entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar may disclose information; and
 - (B) entities to whom or circumstances in which the registrar shall not disclose information; and
- (v) respecting any other matter that is necessary for the purposes of section 48.1;

“(p.10) respecting the use of digital signatures pursuant to section 48.2, including:

- (i) prescribing the acceptable technology for the use of digital signatures for documents received, filed or registered in the registry;
- (ii) prescribing persons who may use digital signatures; and
- (iii) prescribing which documents may be signed with digital signatures when submitted for receipt, filing or registration in the registry;

“(p.11) respecting the form of name of registrants, secured parties, debtors and other entities in the registry, including the use of French and Indigenous language names”.

Coming into force

12 This Act comes into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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