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This is a revised edition of the law, prepared by the Law Revision Commissioner under the authority of the Law Revision Ordinance 2015 and contains a consolidation of the following laws:

The Restriction of Exportation of Giant Land Tortoises Regulations 1968 - SI No.12 of 1968

As amended by:

Ordinance No.8 of 1981

Ordinance No.6 of 1984

Ordinance No.1 of 2017

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Protection and Preservation of Wild Life Ordinance 1968 His Excellency the Commissioner has made the following regulations –

**Citation.**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Restriction of Exportation of Giant Land Tortoises Regulations, RRBIOT c.E.2.

**Definitions.**

2. In these regulations –

**Commissioner** means the Commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory;

**giant land tortoise** means the land tortoise known as *testudo elephantina*;

**the Territory** means the British Indian Ocean Territory.

**Restriction of exportation of giant land tortoises.**

3. The exportation from the Territory of any giant land tortoises is prohibited except under and in accordance with an export permit issued by the Commissioner or by such person as the Commissioner may authorise in that behalf.

**Contents of export permit.**

4. The export permit shall specify the number of giant land tortoises authorised to be exported, the conditions, if any, under which the permit is issued and shall be signed by the Commissioner or other authorised person issuing the permit.

**Offences.**

5. Any person who exports any giant land tortoise in respect of which a valid export permit has not been issued or is not in force or who contravenes or fails to comply with any conditions specified in an export permit is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine of £5,000 and to imprisonment for one year.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Revised Regulations)*

The Revised Regulations of the British Indian Ocean Territory (showing the law as at 1 September 2020) incorrectly included Proclamations. This error has been rectified by a periodic revision pursuant to section 15 of the Law Revision Ordinance 2015 (showing the law as at 26 March 2024). Only Chapter E of the Revised Regulations of BIOT was affected.

This periodic revision has –

- a. Removed the Proclamations from the Revised Regulations of BIOT,
- b. Adjusted the reference numbers of the Revised Regulations within Chapter E, and
- c. Added The Appointment of Director of Fisheries Order (Chapter E.9), which was made after the last revision date.

The periodic revision has not affected or amended the substance of any of the laws concerned.