

Constitutional Amendment No (1) of 2003

THE SUPREME FEDERAL COUNCIL:

After looking at the Constitution of the UAE, based on the recommendation of the Supreme Federal Council and with the approval of the Federal National Council, and with the notarization of the Federal Supreme Council, it was decided:

Article One

To replace the text of Article 121 of the Constitution with the following text:

Article 121:

Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding Article, the Union shall have exclusive legislative jurisdiction in the following matter -

Labour relations and social security; real estate and expropriation in the public interest; extradition of criminals; banks; insurance of all kinds; protection of agricultural and animal wealth; major legislations relating to penal law, civil and commercial transactions and company law, procedures before the civil and criminal courts; protection of cultural technical and industrial property and copyright; printing and publishing; import of arms and ammunitions except for use by the armed forces or the security forces belonging to any Emirate; other aviation affairs which are not within the executive jurisdiction of the Union; delimitation of territorial waters and regulation of navigation on the high seas; the order and the manner of establishing Financial Free Zones and the boundaries within which they are exempted from having to apply rules and regulations of the Union.”

Article Two

This Constitutional Amendment shall be in effect from its date and shall be published in the official Gazette

Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan
President of UAE

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