

Variation & Revival of Deeds of Alienation

If 2 parties enter into a contract which has effect of any material terms of Deeds of alienation may be varied. That variation must be reduced to writing & signed. Any informal (oral) variation of 1 Deed of A will be of no effect & will not affect & validity of 1 original deed. Other dicta says such oral variation have result & 1 whole contract will not be in writing & 1 Deed of A will become invalid.

A waiver by one party of 1 contract is not a variation & need not be in writing
 Cancellation: cancellation of Deed of A & releasing a party from some duties are not variations, need not be in writing.

A cancelled Deed of A may be revived informally by 1 parties

The "cooling off" right of 1 prospective purchaser or to revoke, terminate 1 sale
 Sec 29A confers on certain purchasers or prospective purchasers of residential land & right to terminate a deed of alienation or to revoke an offer to purchase land within 5 days after signing 1 alienation or offer.

Consequence of non-compliance with formalities APPLY TO EXCHANGE & DONATION

1) Failure to comply with sec 2(1) of 1 alienation of land Act
 When one or both parties render partial or full performance before they are aware of formal requirement are not met Sec 28 regulates 1 position as follows:

(a) Valid retrospectively: If 1 purchaser has rendered full performance of land has been transferred to her, 1 alienation is ab initio valid in every aspect even though 1 formal req have not been met with. Neither party can reclaim their performance.

(b) Statutory enrichment claim: If 1 purchaser or person to whom land has been alienated has rendered partial performance or has rendered full performance but 1 land has not yet been transferred to her. Parties are entitled to reclaim performance. Alienee is also entitled to interest on any amount she paid in terms of 1 Deed of A (calculated from 1 date of payment to recovery @ rate prescribed by 1 minister). Alienee also entitled to compensation for expenses incurred in connection with 1 land. Alienator entitled to reasonable compensation for 1 occupation, use / enjoyment 1 alienee may have had of 1 land as well as compensation for any damage caused to 1 land by 1 alienee of the person for whose actions 1 alienee is responsible.

Failure to comply with sec 2(2A) of 1 Alienation of land Act

No express determination: Alienation of land Act fails to say what consequences are for failing to incorporate 1 "cooling off period" in 1 contract. Fails to make sec 28 applicable where both parties have rendered full/partial performance.

Conflicting Decisions: In Sayers v Khan Court held that such contracts are void. Any party & rendered a performance in terms of a void contract may reclaim her performance. In Sec 3 Dolphin Coast Medical Centre CC v Cowar Investments held 1 contract is voidable @ instance of 1 purchaser. Seems to be correct view. Cooling off right exclusively to 1 benefit of 1 purchaser when purchaser cancels contract, parties must give back performances they have received.