Decree Law No (10) 1981 Amending Bahrain Citizenship Act for 1963

We, Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifah, the Emir of the State of Bahrain
Having reviewed the Constitution, and the Emir Decree No 4 for the year 1975;

Based on the submittals by the Minister of Interior.
And based on the approval of the Council of Ministers,

Decree as follows:--

Article 1

Texts on Articles 7 (1) and 8 (2) of the Bahraini Citizenship Act for 1963 shall be replaced by the following texts:

Article 7 (1):
“An alien woman who gets married to a Bahraini national, after the effective of this act, shall not become a Bahraini national, unless she expresses her wish to the Minister of Interior to acquire that nationality with the marriage relationship for five years after as of date of such wish.
The Minister of Interior may relinquish all this period or parts thereof, and may however, during this period, and for reasons pertaining to national security and public order, deprive that woman from acquiring the citizenship of Bahrain by way of marriage.

A Bahraini woman who marries an alien, does not forfeit her citizenship unless she adopts the nationality of her alien husband. She may acquire her Bahraini nationality if marriage ties are broken and she expresses her wish to the Minister of Interior to acquire her original nationality, and makes Bahrain her usual residence or if she returns to live in Bahrain.”
Article 8 (2)
“If a person is convicted of a crime connected with honor and honesty (impugns integrity), within ten years of his acquisition of Bahraini nationality; nationality will be withdrawn from the convicted person alone.”

Article 2:

The Minister of Interior shall implement this Act which shall become operative as of date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Emir of the State of Bahrain
Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifah

Issued at Rifaa’ Palace
On 14 Rajab 1401 H
Corresponding to 18 May 1981.