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**SRI LANKA**

**COCONUT DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 7 OF 2019**

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L.D.—O. 28/2017

AN ACTTOAMENDTHE COCONUT DEVELOPMENT  
 ACT, NO. 46 OF 1971

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Coconut Development Short title. (Amendment) Act, No. 7 of 2019.

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| **2.** | Section 2 of the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 | Amendment of Section 2 of  Act, No. 46 of 1971. |
| of 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section as follows:- | |
| (1) | by the substitution in paragraph (ix), for the words |

“the Board; and” of the words “the Board;”; and

(2) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (ix) of that subsection, of the following new paragraph:-

“(ix*a*) appoint a Working Director, in   
accordance with the provisions of section   
2A, who shall not be a member of the   
Board; and”.

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| **3.** | The following new section is hereby inserted | | | Insertion of new section 2A in the principal  enactment. |
| immediately after section 2 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 2A of that enactment:- | | | |
| “Working | | 2A. | (1) The Minister may appoint to any |
| Director of | | Board established under the provisions of | |
| a Board. | | section 2 of this Act, a Working Director from | |

among persons who possess an agriculture   
degree or any other recognized qualification,   
and knowledge in the field of coconut   
development.

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(2) The Working Director shall-

(*a*) be a full time officer;

(*b*) assist the Chairman in the   
 promotion of the development   
 of coconut cultivation and   
 marketing; and

(*c*) assist the Chairman in the   
 administration, management   
 and operation of the affairs of   
 the Board including the co-  
 ordination of the activities of   
 the Board.

(3) The Minister may remove the Working   
Director from office after assigning reasons   
therefore.

(4) The term of office of the Working   
Director shall be for a period of three years   
from the date of appointment and he shall be   
eligible for reappointment unless has been   
removed from office as referred to in subsection   
(3). Such reappointment shall be for not more   
than one further term, whether consequent or   
not.

(5) The office of the Working Director shall   
become vacant upon the death, removal from   
office under subsection (3) or resignation by   
letter in that behalf addressed to the Minister.

(6) Where the Working Director by reason   
of ill health, infirmity or absence from Sri Lanka   
is temporarily unable to perform the duties of   
his office, the Minister shall appoint another   
member of the Board to act in his place.

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(7) The Working Director shall be paid   
such remuneration as may be specified in the   
relevant Public Enterprise Circulars issued by   
the Ministry of Finance.” .

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| **4.**  In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | Sinhala text to  prevail in case  of inconsistency. |

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