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THE COCONUT DEVELOPMENT ACT, No. 46 OF 1971

Order under Section 2

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 2 of the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971, I, Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Plantations, do by this Order -

- (a) specify the functions set out in the Schedule I hereto, shall be the functions to which this Order relates;
- (b) declare that a Board shall be established to perform the functions set out in the Schedule I hereto;
- (c) assign “Kithul Development Board” as the corporate name to the Board;
- (d) specify the initial capital of the Board shall be Fifty Million Rupees;
- (e) specify special powers set out in Schedule II, shall be the special powers of the Board;
- (f) state that No. 23/1, Kandawatte Road, Pelawatte, Battaramulla shall be the principal place of business of the Board;
- (g) fix the number of members of the Board, shall be seven;
- (h) appoint the members including the Chairman specified in the Schedule III hereto as the members and the Chairman of the Board; and
- (i) determine that five members shall be the quorum for any meeting of the Board.

RAMESH PATHIRANA,
Minister of Plantations.

Battaramulla,
16th March, 2021.

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SCHEDULE I

Functions shall be-

1. the development and assistance in the development of the productivity of land in kithul plantations;
2. the cultivation and assistance in and promotion and regulation of the cultivation of land with kithul;
3. the identification of land in kithul plantations suitable for interplanting with other crops including pasture and the promotion, direction, carrying out and assistance in the carrying out of interplanting programmes on such land;
4. the promotion and regulation of, assistance to, and engagement in, animal husbandry on land in kithul plantations;
5. the specification, popularization, promotion and direction of proper cultivation practices in respect of the growing of kithul and other crops in kithul plantations;
6. the manufacture, and assistance in and promotion and regulation of the manufacture, of kithul products;
7. the promotion of new techniques in the processing of kithul products;
8. the promotion and direction of the modernization, and assistance in increasing the efficiency, of establishments manufacturing kithul products;
9. the prescription and maintenance of standards of quality of kithul products manufactured in or exported from Sri Lanka;
10. the purchase and sale, and the regulation of the purchase and sale, of kithul products, and the formulation and implementation, or assistance in the formulation and implementation, of minimum and maximum price schemes and price stabilization schemes for kithul products in general, and for small holders' kithul products in particular;
11. the export and import, and the regulation of the export and import and of the export price and import price, of kithul products;
12. the maintenance, promotion and creation of demand for kithul products, both within and outside Sri Lanka, by advertising, by initiating, financing, supporting and supervising promotional work, by establishing, managing, supervising and supporting sales rooms and agencies, by organizing, assisting and participating in, exhibitions and fairs, and by any other means necessary for the purpose;
13. the conducting of market research into all aspects of the transport and marketing of kithul products within and outside Sri Lanka;
14. the conducting and furthering of scientific research in respect of, the growth and cultivation of kithul palms, the growing of other crops and the engagement in animal husbandry in kithul plantations and the prevention and cure of diseases and pests;

15. the establishment and maintenance of research institutes, experimental stations and nurseries;
16. the conducting and furthering of scientific research in connection with the processing and utilization of kithul products;
17. the establishment and maintenance of pilot plants for the processing of kithul products, and the fabrication of experimental processing equipment;
18. the training of advisory and extension workers to assist the kithul industry;
19. the guiding and advising of the kithul industry on all matters of a technical nature;
20. the promotion of co-operative and collective forms of management and ownership of kithul plantations and of establishments manufacturing or trading in kithul products.

SCHEDULE II

Special Powers shall be -

1. to register-
 - (a) kithul plantations and the proprietors of such plantations,
 - (b) manufacturers of kithul products,
 - (c) auctioneers and brokers engaged in the purchase and sale of kithul products, and
 - (d) dealers in and shippers of kithul products;
2. to determine the qualifications, terms and conditions, procedure and annual fees payable for such registration, and in its discretion to remove from or restore to the register any name;
3. to engage in, regulate, control, supervise, direct, manage and inspect the cultivation and utilization of land in kithul plantations and the cultivation of land with kithul;
4. to engage in, regulate, control, supervise, direct, manage and inspect the manufacture, packing, storing, transport and sale of kithul products;
5. to inspect, supervise, regulate and control, the factories, stores, yards, buildings, premises, equipment and machinery used or to be used for the manufacture, packing, or storing, of kithul products;
6. to engage in, regulate, control, supervise, direct, manage and inspect the purchase, sale, transport, storing, import and export of kithul products;
7. to establish sales rooms for the purchase and sale of kithul products and to determine the procedure at such sales rooms, and the procedure for the delivery and receipt of and payment for any product sold at the sales rooms; and
8. to issue licences for the export of kithul products, and to determine the qualifications, terms and conditions and procedure for the issue of such licences, and in its discretion to refuse to issue a licence, or cancel a licence already issued, to any person.

SCHEDULE III

Members of the Board shall be -

1. Mr. Kanugala Wattage Gihan Priyanath Perera who shall be the Chairman of the Board; and
2. the following members-
 - (a) three *ex-officio* members, namely-
 - (i) an officer not below the rank of a Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Kithul under Article 44 or 45 of the Constitution nominated by that Minister;
 - (ii) an officer not below the rank of a Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Finance under Article 44 or 45 of the Constitution nominated by that Minister;
 - (iii) an officer not below the rank of a Director of the Industrial Technology Institute established by the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994, nominated by the Industrial Technology Institute; and
 - (b) three persons appointed by the Minister assigned the subject of Kithul under Article 44 or 45 of the Constitution.

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