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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

COCONUT DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT)

A

BILL

to amend the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2: This clause amends section 2 of the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) in order to appoint a Working Director to the Board.

Clause 3: This clause inserts a new section 2A in the principal enactment to provide for the matters relating to the Working Director and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 2.

Coconut Development (Amendment)

L.D.—O. 28/2017

AN ACT TO AMEND THE 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. of 2019.

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

10 (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:-

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

3. The following new section is hereby inserted Insertion of
immediately after section 2 of the principal enactment and new section
shall have effect as section 2A of that enactment:- 2A in the
principal
enactment.

20 “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 have had wide experience
in the area of coconut development.

(2) The Working Director shall-

(a) be a full time officer;

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

10 (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.

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

20 (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.

25 (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.

30 (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.

(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.” .

- 5 **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.

