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An Act to amend the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Tea Research Board (Amendment) Act, No. 30 of 2003 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the Gazette.

Short title and date of operation.

2. Section 5 of the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal enactment") is hereby amended by the addition at the end of that section, of the following paragraphs:—

Amendment of section 5 of Act No. 52 of 1993.

- "(f) to promote investment in tea research;
- (g) to undertake the collection and dissemination of data on the tea industry and to conduct research to ascertain the development potential of the tea industry;
- (h) to advise the Minister on appropriate policies in relation to the tea industry and to co-ordinate with other relevent agencies".
- **3.** Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsections (1) and (2) thereof, and the substitution therefor of the following subsections:—

Amendment of section 7 of the principal enactment.

'(1)The Board shall consist of —

- (a) the person holing office for the time being as the Director of the Tea Research Institute, who shall be the *ex-officio* member of the Board; and
- (b) the following nominated members appointed by the Minister, namely—

- (i) a representative of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority established by the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority Law, No. 35 of 1975, nominated by such Authority;
- (ii) a representative of the Planters' Association of Ceylon established by the Planters' Association of Ceylon Ordinance (Chapter 291) nominated by such Association in consultation with the Tea Association of Sri Lanka (TASL);
- (iii) a representative of the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Plantation Industries, nominated by that Minister;
- (iv) a representative of the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, nominated by that Minister;
- (v) two members nominated by the Minister in charge of the subject of Plantation Industries from amongst persons having sufficient knowledge and research and development experience in the agricultural sector;
- (vi) two members representing Trade Unions, which shall be selected on such criteria as may be determined by the Minister in charge of the subject of Plantation Industries:

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph "Trade Union" shall have the same meaning as in the Trade Unions Ordinance (Chapter 138);

- (vii) one member nominated by the Federation of Tea Small Holdings Development Societies in consultation with the Tea Association of Sri Lanka (TASL); and
- (viii) one member nominated by the Private Tea Factory Owners' Association in consultation with the Tea Association of Sri Lanka (TASL).
- (2) The Minister shall appoint one of the appointed members as the Chairman of the Board.'.
- **4.** Section 10 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (5) thereof by the substitution for the words "five members" of the words "six members.".

Amendment of section 10 of the principal enactment.

5. Section 12 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "Tea Research Institute referred to in section 7(1) (a) (i) shall" of the words "Tea Research Institute referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 7 shall be the chief executive officer of the Institute and shall,".

Amendment of section 12 of the principal enactment.

6. The members of the Board holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall continue to hold office as such until such time the Board is reconstituted under section 7 of the principal enactment as amended by this Act.

Transitional provision.

7. 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.

