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AN ACT TO AMEND THE FOOD ACT, NO. 26 OF 1980

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Food (Amendment) Act, No. 29 of 2011. Short title.

2. Section 8 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:— Replacement of section 8 of Act, No. 26 of 1980.

“Food Advisory Committee. 8. (1) There shall be established a Committee which shall be called the Food Advisory Committee comprising of —

(a) the following *ex-officio* members —

- (i) the Director-General of Health Services, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee;
- (ii) the Director in charge of the Food Control Administration in the Department of Health Services, who shall be the Secretary to the Committee;
- (iii) two Deputy Directors-General of Health Services in charge of Public Health Services;
- (iv) two Assistant Directors of the Department of Health Services in charge of Food Control Administration;

- (v) the Government Analyst or his nominee;
- (vi) the Director-General of Customs or his nominee;
- (vii) the Director-General of the Consumer Affairs Authority established under the Consumer Affairs Authority Act, No. 9 of 2003 or his nominee;
- (viii) the Director-General of the Sri Lanka Standards Institute established by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute Act, No. 6 of 1984, or his nominee;
- (ix) the Director-General of the Department of Commerce or his nominee;
- (x) Director-General of the Department of Animal Production and Health or his nominee;
- (xi) the Chief Medical Officer of Health of the Colombo Municipal Council;
- (xii) the City Analyst of the Colombo Municipal Council;
- (xiii) the Food Commissioner or his nominee;
- (xiv) a Nutritionist from the Medical Research Institute of the Department of Health Services, nominated by the Minister;
- (xv) the Legal Officer of the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Health is assigned; and

- (b) the following nominated members—
- (i) an officer nominated by the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Local Government and Provincial Councils is assigned;
 - (ii) a Food Technologist nominated by the Minister;
 - (iii) a Food Microbiologist nominated by the Minister;
 - (iv) a Food Scientist nominated by the Minister;
 - (v) a member nominated by the Minister who shall represent commercial interests relating to food;
 - (vi) a member nominated by the Minister who shall represent industrial interests relating to food; and
 - (vii) two members nominated by the Minister to represent the interests of consumers, relating to food.

(2) Every member of the Committee nominated by the Minister shall, unless he earlier vacates office by resignation, death or removal, hold office for a period of three years from the date of his nomination and shall be eligible for re-nomination.

(3) Every *ex-officio* member of the Committee shall cease to be a member of the Committee on his ceasing to hold the office which qualified him to be, or to be nominated as, a member of the Committee.

(4) The Committee may discharge its functions notwithstanding any vacancy among its members or any defect in the appointment of any such member.

(5) The quorum for any meeting of the Committee shall be seven members:

Provided however, that the Chief Food Authority may, with the concurrence of the Committee, invite any person to participate at a meeting of the committee, if the presence of such person is necessary to facilitate the resolution of issues relating to the implementation of the provisions of this Act:

Provided further, that the attendance of such invited members shall not constitute the quorum required for that meeting:

Provided further that any person so invited shall not have the right to vote on any matter discussed at such meeting:

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Committee may regulate its own procedure in regard to its meetings and the transaction of business at such meetings .”.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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