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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SRI LANKA TEA BOARD LAW,
No. 14 OF 1975

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Sri Lanka Tea Board (Amendment) Act, No. 29 of 2003. Short title.

2. Section 4 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975, (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows :— Amendment of section 4 of Law, No. 14 of 1975.

- (1) in paragraph (*l*) of that section by the substitution for the words “marketing of tea ; and” of the words “marketing of tea ;”;
- (2) in paragraph (*m*) of that section by the substitution for the words “of the tea industry in Sri Lanka” of the words “of the tea industry in Sri Lanka ;”;
- (3) by the addition immediately after paragraph (*m*) of that section of the following new paragraphs :—
 - “(n) to prepare manuals containing information relating to the various schemes provided for under this Law ;
 - (o) to enter into agreements for co-operation with other institutions, whether in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects wholly or partly similar to those of the Board, for the furtherance of their common objects ;
 - (p) to advise the Minister on policies relating to the tea industry ;

- (q) to promote investment in the tea industry ;
and
- (r) to collect and disseminate data on the tea industry.”.

Amendment of section 6 of the principal enactment.

3. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :-

- (1) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

“(1) The Board shall consist of—

- (a) a person appointed by the Minister, who shall be the Chairman (hereinafter referred to as “the Chairman”);
- (b) the following nominated members appointed by the Minister, namely :—
 - (i) a representative of the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, nominated by that Minister ;
 - (ii) a representative of the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Trade, nominated by that Minister ;
 - (iii) two representatives of the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Plantation Industries, nominated by that Minister ;
 - (iv) a representative of the Tea Small Holding Development Authority, nominated by that Authority ;

- (v) a representative of the Private Tea Factory Owners' Association, nominated by that Association in consultation with the Tea Association of Sri Lanka (TASL) ;
- (vi) a representative of the Planters' Association of Ceylon established by the Planters' Association of Ceylon Ordinance (Chapter 291), nominated by that Association in consultation with the Tea Association of Sri Lanka (TASL) ;
- (vii) a representative of the Sri Lanka Federation of Tea Small Holdings Development Societies, nominated by that Federation in consultation with the Tea Association of Sri Lanka (TASL) ;
- (viii) a representative of the Tea Exporters' Association, nominated by that Association in consultation with the Tea Association of Sri Lanka (TASL) ;
- (ix) a representative of the Colombo Tea Traders' Association, nominated by that Association in consultation with the Tea Association of Sri Lanka (TASL) ;
- (x) a representative of the Colombo Brokers' Association, nominated by that Association in consultation with the Tea Association of Sri Lanka (TASL) ;

- (xi) 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 paragraph “Trade Union” shall have the same meaning as in the Trade Unions Ordinance (Chapter 138).” ;

- (2) by the repeal of subsection (3) of that section and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

“(3) The Chairman and the nominated members of the Board shall hold office for a term of five years, but shall be eligible for renomination.”;

- (3) in subsection (4) of that section, by the omission of the words “with the concurrence of the Prime Minister”;
- (4) in subsection (5) of that section, by the omission of the words “with the concurrence of the Prime Minister”; and
- (5) in subsection (6) of that section, by the omission of the words “with the concurrence of the Prime Minister.”.

Transitional provision.

4. 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 re-constituted under section 6 of the principal enactment as amended by this Act.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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

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