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BILL NO. 20 OF 1969

RICE MARKETING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Rice Marketing Ordinance, to dissolve the Guyana Rice Development Company, Limited, and to make minor amendments to the Guyana Rice Producers Association Ordinance.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Rice Marketing (Amendment) Act, 1969, and shall be construed and read as one with the Rice Marketing Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and all amendments thereto.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on such day (hereinafter referred to as "the appointed day") as the Minister responsible for finance may, by order, appoint.

Amendment of section 2 of Chapter 249.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition of the following definition immediately after the definition of the expression "the Association"—

“ “the Corporation” means the Guyana Rice Corporation established by the Guyana Rice Corporation Order, 1969;”.

3. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended Amendment of section 4 of Chapter 249.  
in the following respects —

- (a) by the repeal of subsection (1) and the substitution therefor of the following subsection —

“(1) The Board shall consist of eleven persons who shall be appointed by the Minister as follows—

- (a) two public officers;  
(b) one person representing the interests of consumers of rice; and  
(c) eight other persons appearing to the Minister to be qualified as having had experience in matters relating to the production, manufacture or marketing of rice or to agriculture, industry or commerce generally.

- (b) by the repeal of subsection (2);  
(c) by renumbering subsections (3) to (11) as subsections (2) to (10), respectively; and  
(d) by the substitution of “subsection (1)” for “subsections (1) and (2)” appearing in the renumbered subsections (5) and (9).

4. Section 10 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended Amendment of section 10 of Chapter 249.  
in the following respects —

- (a) by renumbering the section as subsection (1); and  
(b) by inserting the following subsection as subsection (2) thereof —

“(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall affect the Corporation in the exercise of the functions conferred on them under the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962”.

5. Subsection (2) of section 11 of the Principal Ordinance Amendment of section 11 of Chapter 249.  
is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the substitution of a colon for the full stop at the end thereof; and  
(b) by the addition thereto of the following proviso —

“Provided that the Corporation shall not require the permission of the Board to export any padi or any by-product of padi.”.

6. Subsection (1) of section 12 of the Principal Ordinance Amendment of section 12 of Chapter 249.  
is hereby amended by the insertion of the words “other than the Corporation, and any manufacturer when he manufactures rice for and on behalf of the Corporation” between the words “manufacturer” and “shall”.

7. Section 15 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended Amendment of section 15 of Chapter 249.  
in the following respects —

- (a) by the insertion of the words “by the Board” between the words “purchased” and “from” in subsection (1);  
(b) by the insertion of the words “by the Board” immediately after the word “exported” in subsection (1); and  
(c) by the insertion of the words “otherwise than by the Corporation” between the words “purchased” and “from” in paragraph (a) of subsection (2).

Amendment of section 16 of Chapter 249. 8. Section 16 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the substitution of the word "Minister" for the word "Board" in subsection (1);
- (b) by the insertion of the words "by the Board and by the Corporation, respectively" immediately after the word "export" in subsection (1);
- (c) by the insertion of the words "by the Board" immediately after the words "for export" in subsection (2); and
- (d) by the substitution of a colon for the full stop at the end of subsection (3) and the addition thereto of the following proviso—

"Provided that the Corporation shall not require the permission of the Board to export any rice."

Amendment of section 16A in Chapter 249. 9. The following section is hereby inserted in the Principal Ordinance immediately after section 16 under the heading "GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD"—

"Power of Minister to give directions to the Board." 16A. (1) The Minister may, after consultation with the Board, give to the Board such directions of a general character as to the exercise and performance by the Board of its functions under this Ordinance as appear to the Minister to be requisite in the public interest, and the Board shall give effect to any such directions.

(2) The Board shall afford to the Minister facilities for obtaining information with respect to the property and activities of the Board, and furnish him with returns, accounts and other information with respect thereto, in such manner and at such times as he may require."

Amendment of section 18 of Chapter 249. 10. Section 18 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the repeal of subsection (2); and
- (b) by renumbering subsections (3) and (4) as subsections (2) and (3), respectively.

Amendment of section 23A of Chapter 249. 11. Section 23A of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of a colon for the full stop at the end thereof and the addition thereto of the following proviso —

"Provided that it shall not be necessary for any permission to be granted under this section for the removal of any padi from any factory owned by or under the control of the Corporation or from any other factory for delivery to the Corporation."

Amendment of section 27 of Chapter 249. 12. Section 27 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following subsection as subsection (5)—

"(5) This section shall not apply to the Corporation, or to any other manufacturer in respect of padi in his factory to be manufactured into rice for sale or delivery to the Corporation."

Amendment of section 29 of Chapter 249. 13. Subsection (1) of section 29 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following subsection substituted therefor—

"(1) Every manufacturer (other than the Corporation) shall, within seven days after the expiration of each month, make and send to the Board a true and correct return of the quantities of padi received into his factory (other than padi received from the Corporation) and the quantities of rice manufactured for, and delivered by him to, the Board during the preceding month."

14. Section 30 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended Amendment of section 30 of Chapter 249. in the following respects —

- (a) by the insertion of the words and brackets “(other than the premises of the Corporation)” between the words “premises” and “in” in paragraph (a); and
- (b) by the insertion of the words and brackets “(other than the Corporation)” immediately after the word “manufacturer” where it first appears in paragraph (b).

15. Section 32 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended Amendment of section 32 of Chapter 249. in the following respects —

- (a) by the insertion of the words “by the Board” between the words “export,” and “the” in subsection (1); and
- (b) by the insertion of the words “for sale to the Board” between the words “manufactured” and “either” in subsection (3).

16. Section 34 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended Amendment of section 34 of Chapter 249. in the following respects —

- (a) by the deletion of the word “Any” where it appears at the commencement of subsection (2) thereof and the substitution therefor of the words “Except as otherwise provided by this Ordinance, any”;
- (b) by the insertion of the words “or the Corporation” immediately after the word “Board” in subsection (3);
- (c) by the deletion of paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and the re-lettering of paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e) as paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) respectively; and
- (d) by renumbering subsection (5) as subsection (6) and by inserting the following subsection as subsection (5) —
  - “(5) Any person, not being the Corporation, who purchases any padi from the grower thereof at a price which is less than the minimum price fixed under paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 15 shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.”.

17. Section 38 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended Amendment of section 38 of Chapter 249. in the following respects —

- (a) by renumbering the section as subsection (1); and
- (b) by the addition thereto of the following subsection as subsection (2)—
  - “(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to the Corporation.”.

18. (1) The Guyana Rice Development Company, Limited, established by virtue of section 22 of the Principal Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as “the company”) is hereby dissolved. Dissolution of the Guyana Rice Development Company, Limited.

(2) The assets of the company (including rights and interests) shall be transferred to and vested in the Guyana Rice Corporation (hereinafter referred to as “the Corporation”) on the appointed day.

(3) Liabilities incurred by the company prior to, and subsisting immediately before, the appointed day shall, be discharged by, and be enforceable against, the Corporation as if the said liabilities had been incurred by the Corporation.

(4) Nothing in subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall apply to rights or liabilities under any contract of service.

(5) All deeds, bonds, instruments or other documents which were subsisting immediately before the appointed day and affected the company, shall in so far as they relate to the undertaking of the company, be of as full force and effect against or in favour of the Corporation, and enforceable as fully and effectually as if, instead of

the company, the Corporation had been named therein or had been a party thereto and where immovable property has, by virtue of this section, vested in the Corporation the Registrar of Deeds shall take due notice thereof and shall make such annotations on the records as may be necessary.

(6) All proceedings commenced prior to the appointed day for the enforcement of any rights or liabilities which are transferred or attached to the Corporation by virtue of this section may be continued by or against the Corporation, and any such proceeding may be amended accordingly.

(7) The Corporation may, as from the appointed day, continue to employ, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed on between the Corporation and him, any person employed with the company immediately before the appointed day, and in respect of any person so employed the Corporation shall be the successor of the company with regard to leave or superannuation rights or benefits whether accrued, earned, inchoate or contingent.

(8) To such extent, if any, as may be required by the provisions of article 8 of the Constitution, provision is hereby made in terms of subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) of that article in relation to any property, including any interest in or right over such property, acquired by the Corporation under this section.

(9) Section 22 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Chapter 250.

19. The Guyana Rice Producers Association Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the deletion of paragraph (c) from section 4;
- (b) by re-lettering paragraphs (d) and (e) of section 4 as paragraphs (c) and (d) respectively;
- (c) by the deletion of paragraph (a) from subsection (2) of section 5;
- (d) by re-lettering paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 5 as paragraphs (a) and (b) respectively;
- (e) by the deletion from subsection (5) of section 5, of all the words following after the word "Council" where it appears for the second time;
- (f) by the deletion of the words and commas ", other than the Chief Agricultural Officer," from subsection (6) of section 5;
- (g) by the deletion of the words "other than the Chief Agricultural Officer" from subsection (8) of section 5;
- (h) by the repeal of subsection (11) of section 5;
- (i) by the deletion of "paragraph (c) of section 4," from subsection (2) of section 5A;
- (j) by the substitution of the symbol "(c)" for the symbol "(d)" wherever it appears in section 7;
- (k) by the deletion from section 9 of all the words following after the word "regulations" in subsection (1);
- (l) by the repeal of subsection (3) of section 9;
- (m) by renumbering subsections (4) to (8) of section 9 as subsections (3) to (7) respectively; and
- (n) by the repeal of the renumbered subsection (7) of section 9 and the substitution therefor of the following subsection —

“(7) The Council shall keep such books and accounts as may be necessary to record its receipts and payments and shall, on or before the 31st March in each year, cause its books and accounts in so far as they relate to its transactions to the 31st December in the preceding year to be audited by an auditor qualified under subsection (8) of section 109 of the Companies Ordinance and published in at least one newspaper.”.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In order to implement the Government's policy to expand and modernise the rice industry, a public corporation (the Guyana Rice Corporation) has been established under the Public Corporation Ordinance, 1962 for the purpose. It is proposed that the Corporation should replace the Guyana Rice Development Company Ltd. This Bill therefor includes provision for the dissolution of the company and for the transfer of its assets and liabilities to the Corporation. It is intended that the Guyana Rice Marketing Board will continue to export rice to the traditional markets in the Caribbean and that the Corporation will endeavour to develop an export trade with other markets. In order to enable the Corporation to carry out its functions it is necessary to amend the Rice Marketing Ordinance (Chapter 249) so that the Board will no longer enjoy the monopoly over the disposal of padi, rice and their by-products. Provision is made in clause 3 of the Bill for the reorganisation of the Guyana Rice Marketing Board. Clause 9 seeks to make provision enabling the Minister to give directions to the Board.

P. A. REID,  
Minister of Finance.

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#### INSTRUMENT APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE GUYANA RICE CORPORATION

WHEREAS by the Guyana Rice Corporation Order, 1969, made under the Public Corporation Ordinance, 1962, provision is made for the establishment of a public corporation to be known as the GUYANA RICE CORPORATION with effect from 28th August, 1969.

AND WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (2) of section 3 of the said Ordinance that a Corporation shall consist of one official member and of such number of other members as the Cabinet may from time to time determine;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (3) of the said Ordinance that a chairman and deputy chairman of a corporation shall be appointed by a Minister from among the members of the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (5) of section 3 of the said Ordinance that a member of the Corporation may be appointed for any period not exceeding three years but shall be liable to be removed from office at the pleasure of the Cabinet:

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the said provisions and in accordance with the decision of the Cabinet that the GUYANA RICE CORPORATION shall consist of eleven (11) members (including the official member) to be appointed by the Minister responsible for Finance, I do hereby appoint the following persons as members of the Corporation for a period of one (1) year with effect from the 28th August, 1969:

Gavin B. KENNARD	Chairman
Mohamed SAFFEE	Deputy Chairman
Sherlock A. STOREY	Official Member
William G. CLARKE	Member
Kenneth HOPKINSON	Member
Hamid RAHAMAN	Member
Stanley YEARWOOD	Member
Bernard W. CARTER	Member

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Minister of Finance.