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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, Short title.

No. 29 of 2011.

2. Section 8 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980 (hereinafter Replacement of

referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby repealed section 8 of Act,

No. 26 of 1980.

and the following section is substituted therefor:—

“Food 8. (1) There shall be established a Committee

Advisory which shall be called the Food Advisory

Committee.

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;

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(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

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(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.

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(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 3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala

prevail in case and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

of inconsistency.

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