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DANGEROUS WEAPONS BILL, 2019

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DANGEROUS WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROHIBITIONS OF POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS INTENDED TO BE USED FOR UNLAWFUL PURPOSES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 1.-(1) Any person who is in possession of any dangerous weapon Prohibition of
2 under circumstances which may raise a reasonable suspicion that the person possession of
3 intends to use the dangerous weapon for an unlawful purpose, is guilty of an Dangerous
4 offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not Weapons
5 exceeding three years.
- 6 (2) In determining whether a person intends to use the object as a
7 dangerous weapon for an unlawful purpose, all relevant factors, including
8 but not limited to, the following must be taken into account:
- 9 (a) The place and time where the person is found;
10 (b) The behavior of the person, including the making of any threat
11 or the display of intimidatory behaviors;
12 (c) The manner in which the object is carried or displayed;
13 (d) Whether the possession of the object was within the context of
14 drug dealing, gang association or any organized crime or any other criminal
15 activity; or
16 (e) Any other relevant factors, including any explanation the
17 person may wish to provide for his or her possession of the object: provided
18 that this paragraph shall not be interpreted as an obligation on the person to
19 explain his or her possession of the object.

Application of Bill	1	2. This Act does not apply to the following activities:
	2	(a) Possession of dangerous weapons in pursuit of any lawful
	3	employment, duty or activity;
	4	(b) Possession of dangerous weapons during the participation in any
	5	religious or cultural activities, or lawful sport, recreation, or entertainment; or
	6	(c) Legitimate or lawful collection, display or exhibition of weapons.
Jurisdiction	7	3. The High Court of a state or the Federal Capital Territory shall have
	8	Jurisdiction to entertain and hear legal suits under this Act.
Interpretation	9	4. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates:
	10	"dangerous weapon" means any object, other than a firearm, capable of
	11	causing death or inflicting serious bodily harm, if it were used for an unlawful
	12	purpose.
Short title	13	5. This Bill may be cited as the Dangerous Weapons Bill, 2019.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to nip in the bud some of the causes of criminality in our society by preventing the unlawful use of dangerous weapons.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FCT CUSTOMARY COURT ACT, CAP. F39, LFN.
2007 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 **1.** The provisions of section 51 Part I of the Schedule to the FCT
2 Customary Court Act, Cap F39 LFN 2007 (hereinafter referred to as "The
3 Principal Act") is amended as set out hereunder.
- 4 **2.** Section 31 Part I of the Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
5 by deleting the existing provisions and introducing new provisions as
6 follows;
7 "Suits relating to demand for dowry bride price and damages arising
8 therefore but do not exceed the amount specified in the respective columns
9 thereof".
- 10 **3.** Section 51 Part I of the Schedule to the Principal Act will now
11 contain section 1 to 4 only.
- 12 **4.** This Bill may be cited as the FCT Customary Court
13 (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
- Amendment of
the Principal Act
- Citation

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to amend the provisions of sections 3 and 51 Part I of the Schedule to the FCT Customary Court Act CAP F39 LFN 2007 to remove civil matters and bye-laws of unlimited jurisdiction (Le. law on tort, contract, crime, trust, commercial transactions, etc) from the powers/causes of the FCT Customary Court, Act and to ensure that the FCT Customary Court do adjudicate essentially on customary laws ranging from married under Customary laws or Islamic laws, custody of children and guardianship of children under customary laws, succession to property and administration of estate under customary law, and demanding of dowry and bride price paid under customary law etc.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PROFESSION OF AGRICULTURE AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURISTS, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019

Sponsored by Hon. Munir Dan Agundi

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1 PART - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF
2 AGRICULTURISTS AND ITS GOVERNING COUNCIL

3 1.-(1) There is established for the Profession of Agriculture, an
4 Institute to be known as the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists (in this Bill
5 referred to as "the Institute").

Establishment
of the Nigerian
Institute of
Agriculturists
and its Governing
Council

6 (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual
7 succession and a common seal and shall have power to sue and be sued in its
8 corporate name and to own, hold and dispose of property whether moveable
9 or immovable to be situate in Abuja, Federal Capital Territory.

10 2. The objects of the Institute are:

Objects of the
Institute

11 (a) to prescribe and regulate the standards of academic
12 qualifications and practical skills to be attained by persons seeking to
13 become registered as members, associates or fellows of the Institute, as the
14 case may be;

15 (b) to prescribe the code of conduct for agriculturists;

16 (c) to regulate the practice of the profession of agriculture at its
17 various specialised disciplines in relation to each other without
18 contravening the principal legislation establishing those of other disciplines
19 within the profession or related professions;

1 (d) to regulate the formal training in agriculture at educational
2 institutions in the manner that will harmonize the admission and curricula
3 policies of the various disciplines to the exclusion of animal science and soil
4 science courses and programmes;

5 (e) to promote the farming system, production types and
6 technological innovations as well as food security, agricultural services and
7 agro-processing activities for the advancement of all the aspects and branches
8 of agriculture;

9 (f) to encourage and promote among farmers the utilization and
10 application of the findings of agricultural research and other studies for
11 increased food production and food security in Nigeria

12 (g) to establish a National net-work for the dissemination of
13 information relating to packages on Agricultural production and
14 methodologies arising from new discoveries and modern agriculture.

15 (h) to ensure that the curricula and courses of studies in agriculture in
16 the faculties, colleges and Universities of agriculture are of the theoretical and
17 practical relevance to the development and growth of agricultural science and
18 technology;

19 (i) to ensure that the curricula and courses of studies in agriculture
20 excluding soil science and animal science courses and programmes within the
21 faculties, colleges and Universities of agriculture are of the theoretical and
22 practical relevance to the development and growth of agricultural science and
23 technology in collaboration with National Universities Commission (NUC)
24 and the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE);

25 (j) to advise the Ministry and other relevant agencies on safety
26 standards for the use of agricultural chemicals and new biotechnological
27 products;

28 (k) to publish journals, magazines, newsletters and other publications
29 of professional standard in agricultural business and industry

30 (l) to publish journals, magazines, newsletters and other publications

1 of professional standards in agricultural business and industry to the
2 exclusion of the profession and practice of animal science and soil science.

3 (m) to establish, update and maintain a Register of Professional
4 Agriculturists under this Bill according to their various ranks and to regulate
5 the prerogatives and privileges pertaining to those ranks to the exclusion of
6 the profession and practice of animal science and soil science; and

7 (n) to do such other acts as may be conducive to attainment of the
8 functions of the Institute.

9 3.-(1) There is established for the Institute a Governing Council to
10 be known as the Council of the Nigeria Institute of Agriculturists (in this Bill
11 referred to as "the Council") which shall have overall control of the Institute
12 as specified under this Bill.

Establishment
and composition
of the Council of
the Nigerian
Institute of
Agriculturists

13 (2) The council shall consist of-

14 (a) a President who shall be the head of the Institute and preside
15 over all Council meetings;

16 (b) a Vice President who shall act for the President in his/her
17 absence;

18 (c) the President Agricultural Society of Nigeria;

19 (d) ten persons shall be elected by the Institute, to represent each of
20 the following disciplines/group of disciplines of agriculture:

21 (i) Agricultural business and Agricultural Economics Society;

22 (ii) Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology Society;

23 (iii) Agronomy and agricultural technology;

24 (iv) Institute of Food Science and Technology, and Home
25 Economics;

26 (v) Agricultural Bio-Technology, Genetics and Breeding
27 excluding animal genetics and breeding;

28 (vi) Crop Science Society of Nigeria;

29 (vii) Plant Protection Society of Nigeria;

30 (viii) Horticultural Society of Nigeria;

- 1 (ix) Forestry and Wildlife;
- 2 (x) Fisheries and Aquaculture;
- 3 (xi) Institute Agricultural Engineering.
- 4 (e) the following shall be ex-officio members-
- 5 (i) the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development or his
- 6 representative;
- 7 (ii) the Minister of Water Resources or his representative;
- 8 (iii) one representative of Nigerian Chamber of Commerce, Industry,
- 9 Mines and Agriculture to be elected by the Chamber;
- 10 (iv) one person to be elected by the organized Agro-Allied Industries;
- 11 (v) the Executive Secretary, Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria
- 12 (ARCN);
- 13 (vi) the Chairman, Association of Deans of Faculties of Agriculture in
- 14 Nigerian Universities (ADAN);
- 15 (vii) the Chairman, National Association of Heads of Colleges of
- 16 Agriculture (NACHCARD);
- 17 (viii) the Chairman, Committee of Executive Directors of Research
- 18 Institutes (CODRI);
- 19 (ix) the Chairman, Committee of Deans of Faculty of Veterinary
- 20 Medicine of Universities in Nigeria;
- 21 (x) the Executive Director, National Food Reserve Agency;
- 22 (xi) the Executive Director, National Seed Council of Nigeria.
- 23 (xii) one person to be elected by the organized Agro-Technological
- 24 and Technical workers and Labour Union.
- 25 (3) The Council shall have power to recommend the amendment of
- 26 the provision of the schedule to the national assembly as it may deem
- 27 necessary.
- 28 4. The President, Vice president and other members of the Council
- 29 other than ex-officio members, shall be elected by the Institute from amongst
- 30 the members, at an annual general meeting of the Institute:

Election of
members of
Council

1 Provided that, the first of such general meeting convened by the Agricultural
2 Society of Nigeria and Association of Deans of Agriculture of Nigerian
3 Universities immediately after the Commencement of this Bill, for the
4 purpose of electing such members.

5 5. The President and the Members of the council, other than ex- Tenure of office
6 officio members shall each hold office-

7 (a) for a period of three years in the first instance and may be
8 eligible for another term of three years and no more; and

9 (b) on such terms and condition as may be specified in the letter of
10 appointment.

11 6. Notwithstanding the provision of section 5 of this Bill, a Removal from
12 member of the Council, including the President and Vice President, shall office
13 cease to hold office as a member of the Council if-

14 (a) he/she is relieved of his/her position by the Council pursuant to
15 any regulation made under section 42 of this Bill, on the ground of ill health,
16 misconduct or if it is interest of the Institute or of the public that the
17 member, the president or the vice president should be removed from office;

18 (b) in writing under his/her hand resigns his/her appointment by
19 communicating notice of his intension to the council through the body
20 which he represents and on receipt and approval of the notice by the Council.
21 The resignation shall be deemed to have taken effect and the body shall then
22 elect another representative to complete the tenure of the resigning member
23 of the Council; and

24 (c) he/she absents him/herself from three consecutive meetings of
25 the Council, without leave of the Council.

26 7. The president and members of the Council shall be paid such Emolument etc
27 emoluments, allowances and benefits as the Council, in consultation with of members
28 the general assembly may from time to time approve.

	1	PART II - POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL
	2	AND THE INSTITUTE
Powers of Council	3	8. The Council shall have power to:
	4	(a) provide the general policy guidelines relating to the functions of
	5	the institute;
	6	(b) approve the acquisition of offices and other premises for the use of
	7	the institute;
	8	(c) review and approve the strategic plans for the manpower
	9	development;
	10	(d) appoint officers, employees, agents and consultants which in the
	11	opinion of the Council are required for carrying out the objectives of the
	12	institute;
	13	(e) fix the remuneration, allowances and benefits of the staff and
	14	employee of the institute;
	15	(f) make regulations relating generally to appointment, promotion
	16	and disciplinary, control (including dismissal) of employees of the institute;
	17	and
	18	(g) do such other things and enter into such transactions which the
	19	opinion of the Council are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the
	20	institute's objective.
Functions of the Institute	21	9. The Institute shall have following functions:
	22	(a) carry into effect the powers of the institute;
	23	(b) govern the affairs of the institute;
	24	(c) effect proper management of the institute; and
	25	(d) do such other acts and things as the Council may consider
	26	necessary for carrying out the functions and powers of the institute.
	27	PART III - STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE
	28	<i>Functions of the Registrar</i>
Appointment of the Registrar and the Assistant Registrar of the Institute	29	10.-(1) There shall be appointed a Registrar for the institute who
	30	shall-

1 (a) be appointed by the Council and shall be the Chief Executive
2 Officer and he/she shall discharge his duties according to the terms of his/her
3 employment and be paid a determined remuneration;

4 (b) head the day- to -day administration of his office and any other
5 assignment that may be given to him by the council and the President of the
6 Council;

7 (c) be responsible for the implementation of all functions of the
8 general secretariat and be responsible to the Council for the employment of
9 the staff who work within and see to the management of the secretariat;

10 (d) keep custody of the register and the common seal of the
11 institute and make sure entries in the register, and affix the common seal to
12 such documents, as the Council may direct from time to time.

13 *Appointment of Assistant Registrar*

14 (2) The Institute shall appoint an Assistant Registrar who shall
15 from time to time assist the Registrar in the exercise of his functions under
16 this Bill and shall-

17 (a) attend the meeting of the Council and other Committee
18 meetings and participate in discussion but shall not have the right to vote;

19 (b) in the absence of the Registrar summon meetings of the Council
20 upon the directives of the President of the Council.

21 *Tenure of office of Registrar and conditions of service of staff*

22 (3)(a) The tenure of the office of the Registrar shall be for a term of
23 five years renewable once and no more;

24 (b) Employment and conditions of service of all other staff in the
25 institute shall be the same with that of the Federal Public Service.

26 **11.** The Registrar may at any time be relieved of his office by the
27 President of the Council acting on an address supported by a two-third
28 majority of the Council praying that he/she be removed for his inability to
29 discharge the function of the office (whether arising from infirmity of mind
30 or body or any other cause or for misconduct.

Removal of the
Registrar of the
Institute

Pensions Reforms Act, 2014	1	12. Employment in the institute shall be subject to the provisions of
	2	the Pensions Reform Act, 2014 and accordingly, officers and employees of the
	3	institute shall be entitled to pension and other retirement benefits as are
	4	prescribed under the Pensions Reform Act, 2014.
Conditions of service	5	13. Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may issue staff
	6	regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff and , in
	7	particular, such regulations may provide for-
	8	(a) the appointment, promotion, terminations, dismissal and
	9	disciplinary control of staff or employees of the Institute;
	10	(b) appeals by staff or employees against dismissal or other
	11	disciplinary measure and until such regulations are made, any instrument
	12	relating to the conditions of service in the public service of the Federation shall
	13	be applicable, with such modification as may be necessary, to the employees of
	14	the institute.
	15	PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS
Funds of the Institute	16	14. The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund which consist of-
	17	(a) contributions, levies, subscriptions, fees and other dues paid by
	18	the members;
	19	(b) revenue accruing to the institute from its investments, activities
	20	and service;
	21	(c) grants, endowments and donations from Government and other
	22	donors; and
	23	(d) revenue accruing to the Institute from any other source approved
	24	by the Council.
Expenditure of the Institute	25	15.-(1) The Institute shall defray from the fund established pursuant
	26	to section 12 of this Bill all amounts payable under or in pursuance of this Bill
	27	being sums representing-
	28	(a) amount payable to the President and other members of the Council
	29	(including allowances);
	30	(b) reimbursement to members of the Council or any other Committee

1 set up by the Council for such expenses as may be expressly authorized by
2 the Council;

3 (c) remunerations and other cost of employment of the staff of the
4 Institute;

5 (d) cost of acquisition and up-keep of premises belonging to the
6 institute and any other capital expenditure of the Institute;

7 (e) amounts payable as pensions and other retiring benefits under
8 or pursuant to this Bill or any other enactment;

9 (f) maintenance of utilities, staff promotion, training, research and
10 similar activities;

11 (g) costs necessary for day-to-day operations of the Institute;

12 (h) any other payment for anything incidental to the foregoing
13 provisions or in connection with or incidental to any other function of the
14 Institute under this Bill.

15 (2) The Institute may invest such surplus funds as it may have, from
16 time to time from its day-to-day operation in treasury bill or other
17 government securities.

18 **16.** The Registrar of the Institute shall cause to be prepared and
19 submitted to the Council not later than 30th day of September of each year,
20 an estimate of its income and expenditure for the succeeding year. Estimates

21 **17.** The Institute shall cause to be kept proper account and records,
22 and such account shall not later than 6 months after the end of each year, be
23 audited by auditors appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance
24 with the guideline supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation. Accounts and audits

25 **18.** The institute shall prepare and submit to the Council every
26 year a report of the preceding year in such form as the Council may direct on
27 the activities of the Institute. Such Report shall include a copy of audited
28 accounts of the Institute for the year and of the Auditor's Report. Annual report, etc.

29 **19.** The Institute may accept gift of land, money or other property
30 on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or
Power to accept gift

	1	organization making the gift.
Power to borrow	2	20. The Institute may, with the approval of the Council, borrow by
	3	way of loan, or overdraft from any source such sum as it may require for the
	4	performance of its function and meeting its obligation under this Bill.
Accountability	5	21. The Registrar as the Chief Administrative/Accountant Officer of
	6	the Institute shall:
	7	(a) keep proper accounting records, in a manner as may be
	8	determined, from time to time by the President in respect of-
	9	(i) all revenues and expenditure of the Institute;
	10	(ii) all its assets, liabilities and other financial transactions: and
	11	(b) all other revenues collected by the Institute, including income on
	12	investments;
	13	(c) prepare an annual report, including financial statements, in
	14	accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices;
	15	(d) ensure that the available accounting resources of the Institute are
	16	adequate and used economically in the most effect and efficient manner, and
	17	that other financial records properly safe-guarded;
	18	(e) provide replies to Freedom of Information requests; and
	19	(f) any other duties that may be assigned by the Council.
	20	PART V - REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE
Register of the Institute	21	22. The Institute shall keep and maintain a Register of all members.
Categories of membership	22	23. The Institute may subject to the provisions of this Bill, and such
	23	rules as the Council may make in that regard, admit and Register the following
	24	categories of members:
	25	(a) regular members;
	26	(b) Associate Member;
	27	(c) Fellows;
	28	(d) Honorary fellows; or
	29	(e) Corporate member.

Regular Membership

24. A person shall be eligible to be admitted and registered as a member if that person is: Eligibility of membership

(a) a holder of a degree or equivalent qualification in agriculture or agricultural sciences or related science to the exclusion of a holder of a first degree in animal and soil sciences from any accredited institution and holds in addition 3 years post graduate or post qualification working experience;

(b) a member of any equivalent professional agricultural body or Institute recognised by the Council;

(c) a holder of a postgraduate degree or postgraduate diploma in any agricultural discipline, from an institution accredited by the Council and has in addition had 2 years working experience to the exclusion of holders of a first degree in animal and soil sciences;

(d) a holder of a Higher National Diploma or equivalent qualification in agriculture and related disciplines and in addition has had 3 years of such relevant experience as the Council may approve to the exclusion of a holder of a Higher National Diploma or equivalent qualification in animal and soil sciences;

(e) a holder of a National Diploma or equivalent qualification in agriculture and related disciplines mentioned in section 3 (2) (c) of this Bill has in addition had 5 years of such relevant experience as the Council may approve the exclusion of a holder of a Higher National Diploma or equivalent qualification in animal and soil sciences.

25. A Company or Corporate Institution shall be eligible to be registered as a corporate member if such organisation is: Corporate member

(a) holding a current registration of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), contributing to Agricultural growth and development in Nigeria to the satisfaction of the Council;

(b) found fit and proper to be registered as determined by the Council.

Associates	1	26. A member shall be eligible to be registered as an Associate if-
	2	(a) that person has contributed significantly by research efforts,
	3	publications and experience, to the growth and development of progress of
	4	agriculture or related areas: and
	5	(b) the council has satisfied that, the member is a fit and proper
	6	person to be elevated to the rank of an associate.
Fellow	7	27. A person who is a member shall be eligible to be registered as an
	8	fellow if-
	9	(a) that person has by research effort, publication and experience in
	10	any area of agriculture, contributed significantly to the growth and
	11	development of agriculture or related areas, and
	12	(b) the Council is satisfied that, that person is a fit and proper person to
Honorary Fellows	13	be elevated to the rank of a fellow.
	14	28. A person may be registered as a honorary fellow if-
	15	(a) the person is distinguished in any area of agriculture or related
	16	industry: and
	17	(b) the Council is satisfied that, that person is fit and proper person to
	18	be elevated to the rank of the Honorary Fellow.
Certificates and honours	19	29. The Council may be subject to its rules in that regard, awards
	20	distinctive certificates and other honours to any person, member, Associate,
	21	Fellow or Honorary Fellow as the case may be, for any distinctive achievement
	22	in any discipline or areas of agriculture.
	23	PART VI - APPROVAL OF CURRICULA AND COURSES OF
	24	AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTIONS
Accreditation on Institutions	25	30.-(1) Every Faculty, College or University of Agriculture in Nigeria
	26	shall on demand by the Council, submit to the Council, details of its curricula,
	27	courses of study in agriculture and related programmes for the consideration
	28	and approval of the Council to the exclusion of courses and programmes in
	29	animal and soil sciences.
	30	(2) The Council shall there upon, delegate a Committee of the Council

1 to evaluate the contents of such curricula and courses and ensure that they
2 sufficiently endow any person pursuing them with the requisite knowledge,
3 skill and working experience for the practice or agricultural profession the
4 exclusion of courses and programmes in animal and soil sciences.

5 (3) The Council shall where such curricula and courses are proved,
6 thereafter by instrument, accredit such faculty, college or university as the
7 case may be, as a fit and proper institution for the training of prospective
8 members.

9 (4) The Council shall monitor the academic programmes in
10 agriculture and related disciplines to maintain an acceptable standards to the
11 exclusion of courses and programmes in animal and soil sciences.

12 (5) Subject to this Bill, the person who has obtained his first degree
13 or other academic qualification from unaccredited institutions shall not be
14 eligible to be registered a member of the institution.

15 PART VII - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF
16 AGRICULTURISTS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

17 31.-(1) There shall be disciplinary established for the institute, a
18 disciplinary tribunal to be known as the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturist
19 Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as "the tribunal").

Establishment
of the Nigerian
Institute of
Agriculturists
Disciplinary
Tribunal

20 (2) The duty of the tribunal is to hear and determine any case of
21 professional misconduct against any member in the discharge of his duties
22 as Agriculturist.

23 (3) The tribunal shall consist of the President and six other
24 members appointed by the Council.

25 (4) There shall be in attendance a legal adviser to be nominated by
26 the Attorney-General of the Federation.

27 *Second Schedule*

28 32.-(1) There shall, for purpose of the President before the tribunal,
29 be known as the Investigating Panel of the Nigerian Institute of
30 Agriculturist.

Rules of proceeding
of the tribunal and
investigating panel

	1	(2) The duties of the panel are:
	2	(a) to conduct preliminary investigations into any allegation or
	3	complaints of professional member or fellow of the institute; and
	4	(b) to determine, whether or not there is a prima, facie case against the
	5	person and to refer such case to the tribunal for hearing and determination.
	6	(3) The Panel shall consist of a Chairman and four members
	7	appointed by the Council.
Rules	8	33. The Council may make rules to regulate the proceedings of the
	9	tribunal and investigating panel:
	10	Until such rules are made, the rules contained in the second schedule to this Bill
	11	are applicable.
Penalty	12	34.-(1) Where:
	13	(a) a member is adjudged by the tribunal to be guilty of a professional
	14	misconduct;
	15	(b) a member is convicted of an offence by any court in Nigeria or
	16	elsewhere, having power to sentence an offender to imprisonment (whether or
	17	not the offence is punishable with imprisonment) and the offence in the opinion
	18	of the tribunal derogates his membership of the institute; or
	19	(c) the tribunal is satisfied that any person has been fraudulently
	20	registered in the register of members.
	21	(2) The tribunal shall give directives to the registrar either to
	22	reprimand that member or to strike his name off the register and the registrar
	23	shall comply with such directives.
Rights of appeal	24	35. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 24 of this Bill, or any
	25	other Act, a member who is found guilty by the Tribunal shall have right of
	26	appeal to the Court of Appeal against any pronouncement made by the
	27	Tribunal.
Professional misconduct	28	36. In this part, "professional misconduct" means any action or
	29	behaviour considered by the Council to be unprofessional conduct and include
	30	acts unbecoming of agriculturists which may include but not limited to unjust

1 enrichment by any person, abuse of office or corrupt practices in the conduct
2 of a member.

3 PART VIII - LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

4 37.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this act, the provisions of this
5 Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted
6 against any member officer or employee of the Institute.

Limitation of
suit against the
Institute, etc.
Cap. P41 LFN
2004

7 (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law or
8 enactment, no suit against a member of the Council, the President or any
9 other officer or employee of the institute for any act done in pursuance or
10 execution of this Bill or any other law or enactment, or any other public
11 duties or authority or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the
12 neglect in the execution of this Bill of any other law or enactment, duties or
13 authority shall lie or be instituted in any Court unless it is commenced-

14 (a) within three months next after the act, neglect or default
15 complained of, or

16 (b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within six
17 months next the ceasing thereof.

18 (3) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Council,
19 the President or any other officer or employee of the Institute before the
20 expiration of a period of one month after written notice of the intention to
21 commence the suit shall have been served on the Institute by the intending
22 plaintiff or his agent.

23 (4) The notice referred to in subsection (3) of this section shall
24 clearly and explicitly state-

25 (a) the cause of action;

26 (b) the particulars of the claims;

27 (c) the name and place of abode of the intended plaintiff, and

28 (d) the relief which he/she claims.

29 38. A notice, summons or other document required authorized to
30 be served on the Institute under the provision of this Bill or any other law or

Service of
document

	1	enactment may be served by delivering it to the President or by sending it by
	2	registered post addressed to the President at the principal office of the institute.
Restriction on execution against property of the institute	3	39. -(1) In any action or suit against the Institute, No execution or
	4	attachment of process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the institute
	5	unless not less than three months' notice of the intention to execute or attach has
	6	been given to the institute.
	7	(2) Any sum of money which by the judgment of any court has been
	8	awarded against the institute shall, subject to any direction given by the court,
	9	where no notice of appeal against the Judgment has been given, be paid from
	10	the fund of institute.
Indemnity	11	40. A member of the council, the president or any officer or employee
	12	of the institutes shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Institute against any
	13	Liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or
	14	criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him/her in his/her capacity as a
	15	member, president, officer or employee of the Institute.
	16	PART IX - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Directives by the Minister	17	41. The Minister may jointly or severally give to the Institute or the
	18	President such directives of a general nature or relating generally to matters of
	19	the policy with regards to the exercise of its or his/her functions as they may
	20	consider necessary and it shall be the duty of the Institute or the President to
	21	comply with the directives or cause them to be complied with.
Power to make regulations the President signs the regulations after getting approval from the Minister	22	42. The Council may, with the approval of the ministers, make rules
	23	and regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effect
	24	to the provisions of this Bill and for the due administration of its provisions and
	25	may in particular, make regulations.
Interpretation	26	43. In this Bill-
	27	"Council" means Council established by section 3(1);
	28	"Ex-officio" members in this Bill means the Ministers of Agriculture,
	29	Environment, etc;
	30	"Institute" means Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists established by section 1

1 of the Bill;
2 "Member" means members of the institute and includes a regular or
3 Associate member of the institute;
4 "Minister" means Minister charged with the responsibilities referred to
5 section 3 (2) (d) to (g) of this Bill;
6 "President" means president of the institute;
7 "Rank" means status of members;
8 "register" means register created and maintained under section 22;
9 "tribunal" means tribunal established under section 23;
10 "Vice President" means vice president of the institute.

11 44. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists Short title
12 Bill, 2019.

13 SCHEDULES

14 *Section 3 (3)*

15 FIRST SCHEDULE

16 *Proceedings of the Council*

17 1. The Council may make standing orders regulating its
18 proceedings of the council or of any Committee thereof and shall meet at
19 least once in every quarter in a year.

20 2. The Quorum of the council shall be seven which shall include at
21 least three elected members, representatives of the Ministers and one elected
22 from one of the tertiary Institutions mentions in this Bill.

23 3.-(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 above and the
24 applicable standing order, the Council shall meet whenever summoned by
25 the President, and if the President is required so to do by the notice given to
26 him in writing by not less than five elected members, shall summon a
27 meeting of the Council to be held within fourteen days from the date on
28 which the notice is given.

29 (2) At any meeting of the Council, the President shall preside or in
30 his absence the Vice President shall preside.

1 (3) Where the Council wishes to obtain the advice of any person on a
2 particular matter, the Council may co-opt such a person as a member for such
3 period as it thinks fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-
4 paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall
5 not count toward a quorum.

6 4.-(1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out
7 on its behalf, such functions as it may determine.

8 (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the
9 number of persons determined by the Council and not more than one-third of
10 those persons may be person who are not members of the Council and a person
11 other than member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in
12 accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

13 (3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until
14 it is ratified by the Council.

15 *Miscellaneous*

16 5.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by
17 the signature of the President or the Vice President and the Secretary of the
18 Council.

19 (2) Any contract or Instrument which is made or executed by a person
20 not being a body corporate, would not be required to under seal but may be or
21 executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specially
22 authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

23 *Notice of Hearing*

24 6.-(1) When a complaint is referred by the Panel of the tribunal, the
25 Registrar shall, after consultation with the Chairman, appoint a time and place
26 for the hearing, and shall in the third Schedule hereto: give notice to all
27 interested parties (including members of the tribunal and the assessor)

28 (2) If directions are for any reason not so given, it shall be sufficient
29 compliance with this rule if the notice is-

30 (a) handed to the party concerned or affected, personally; or

1 (b) sent by registered post to the last known place of abode of the
2 party.

3 *Hearing in absence of party*

4 7.-(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, the Tribunal may hear
5 and determine a case in the absence of any party.

6 (2) Any party to any proceedings before a Tribunal who fails to
7 appear or be presented may apply within one month after the date when the
8 pronouncement of the findings and directions of the tribunal were given, for
9 a re-hearing on the ground of want of notice or other good and sufficient
10 reason, and the Tribunal, in appropriate cases may grant the application
11 upon such terms as to cost or otherwise as it thinks fit.

12 *Hearing of witnesses*

13 8. The Tribunal may in the course of its proceedings hear
14 witnesses and receive any documentary evidence necessary in its opinion to
15 assist it in arriving at a conclusion as to the truth or otherwise of the
16 allegation of misconduct in the complainant referred to it by the panel, and in
17 application of this rule, the provisions of the Evidence Act shall apply to any
18 such proceedings.

19 *Amendment of complaint*

20 9. If in the cause of the proceedings it appears to the Tribunal that
21 the complaint before it requires to be amended in any respect, the Tribunal
22 may, on such term as it thinks fit allow the amendment to be made and the
23 complaint as amended shall there upon be dealt with accordingly.

24 *Public Hearing*

25 10.-(1) The proceedings of the Tribunal shall be held and its
26 findings and directions shall be delivered, in public unless otherwise
27 directed by the Tribunal.

28 (2) The Tribunal may, on its own motion, or upon the application of
29 any party, adjourn the hearing on such terms as to costs or otherwise as the
30 Tribunal deems fit.

False evidence

11. If any person willfully gives false evidence on oath before the Tribunal during the course of any proceedings, or willfully make a false statement in any affidavit sworn for the purpose of such proceedings, the Tribunal may refer the matter to the Attorney-General of the Federation for such action as the Attorney-General may deem fit.

Findings and costs in certain cases

12. If after the hearing, the Tribunal adjudges that the charge of professional misconduct has not been proved, the Tribunal-

(a) shall record the findings that the respondent is not guilty of such misconduct in respect of which the charge was preferred; and

(b) may, nevertheless order any party (except the complainant) to pay the costs of the proceedings, having regard to his conduct and to all the circumstances of the case.

Publication of findings

13. Any findings made or direction given by the tribunal shall be published in the Federal Government Gazette immediately after such finding or direction, as the case may be.

Record of proceedings

14. The Chairman shall during the hearing, take the minutes of the proceedings which shall be open to inspection by the parties and shall be made available to any party upon the payment of such charges as the Registrar may be instructed to publish in the Federal Government Gazette.

Power of Tribunal

15. The Tribunal may dispense with any requirements of these rules regarding notices, affidavit, documents, service or time for doing or omitting anything, in any case where it appears to the Tribunal to be just or expedite so to do: and the tribunal may in any particular case extend the time for doing anything under these rules.

Power to retain exhibits pending appeal

16. Books and other exhibits whatever produced or used at the hearing shall, unless the tribunal otherwise directs, be retained by the Registrar until the expiry of the time for filing an appeal against any finding or direction of the Tribunal or, if notice of any such appeal is given until the hearing and disposal of the appeal.

*Assessors**Appointment and duties of assessors*

17.-(1) An assessor, shall be appointed by the Council by instrument, and the assessor shall hold and vacate office as provided in his instrument of appointment; and where the appointment is not general one, it shall have effect only in respect of a particular proceedings of the Tribunal.

(2) Subject to the terms of his appointment, assessors shall attend the proceedings of the Tribunal whenever required so to do by notice in writing given to him by the Registrar not later than 3 days before the date fixed for the hearing of such proceedings, and he/she shall therefore advise the Tribunal on question of law only.

*Miscellaneous**Interpretation*

18. In these rules-
"Complainant" means a person or body alleging before the Tribunal, professional misconduct against a member of the Institute;
"Respondent" means the person required to answer to any charge of professional misconduct.

Short title

19. These rules may be cited as the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturist (Disciplinary tribunal) Rules.

SECOND SCHEDULE

*Rules 2 (1)**Hearing Notice*

IN THE MATTER OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURISTS TRIBUNAL

IN THE MATTERS OF A CHARGE OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST
.....OFamember/Associate/Fellow of the Institute Take Notice that the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturist
Disciplinary Tribunal sitting at-----
at.....on..........,20.....
Will commence its hearing of charges(s) to be there preferred
against.....AforesaidOf professional Misconduct in his office as a Professional Agriculturist and the Tribunal shall
thereafter deliver its finding and give its directions accordingly.This notice is given to as a(Here state whether
a party or a member, etc)

And a copy of the charge(s) to be preferred is to hereto annexed

DATED this.....day of..... 20
.....

Registrar

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Institute of Agriculturist as a body responsible for regulating the practice of the Profession of Agriculture in Nigeria and with power to prescribe a code of conduct of agriculturists.

The Bill also seeks to ensure that agriculturists in Nigeria assume the same relevance and responsibility for the Systematic growth of the agricultural sector as their counterparts in any advanced country.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTORY CORPORATIONS (MODIFICATIONS, ETC.) ACT CAP. S12, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO UPDATE THE LIST OF THE STATUTORY CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES CONTROLLED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS PROVIDED IN ITS ENABLING LEGAL REGIME AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

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| <p>1 1. The Statutory Corporations (Modifications, etc.) Act, Cap. S12,</p> <p>2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, (in this Bill referred to as "the</p> <p>3 Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.</p> | <p>Amendment of
the Principal Act</p> |
| <p>4 2. The, Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by deleting the</p> <p>5 existing Paragraphs '(a)' to '(g)' of the Schedule and substituting same with</p> <p>6 Paragraphs "(i)" to "(xxxvi)"-</p> <p>7 (i) "Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria;</p> <p>8 (ii) Nigerian Film Corporation;</p> <p>9 (iii) Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation;</p> <p>10 (iv) Nigerian Railway Corporation;</p> <p>11 (v) National Agricultural Insurance Corporation (NAIC);</p> <p>12 (vi) Nigerian Export Promotion Council;</p> <p>13 (vii) Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (Formerly Called</p> <p>14 NASB);</p> <p>15 (viii) Nigerian Export Processing Zones Authority;</p> <p>16 (ix) Nigerian Investment Promotion Council;</p> <p>17 (x) Nigerian Television Authority;</p> <p>18 (xi) News Agency of Nigeria;</p> | <p>Amendment of
Schedule to the
Principal Act</p> |

- 1 (xii) Voice of Nigeria;
- 2 (xiii) National Broadcasting Commission;
- 3 (xiv) Nigeria Press Council;
- 4 (xv) National Film and Video Censor Board;
- 5 (xvi) National Commission for Museums and Monuments;
- 6 (xvii) National Steel Raw Material Exploration Agency;
- 7 (xviii) Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA);
- 8 (xix) Nigeria Nuclear Regulation Authority;
- 9 (xx) National, Office of Technology Acquisition and Promotion;
- 10 (xxi) Nigeria Airspace Management Agency;
- 11 (xxii) Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria;
- 12 (xxiii) Nigeria Meteorological Agency;
- 13 (xxiv) Council For the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria;
- 14 (xxv) Nigeria Electricity Management Services Agency;
- 15 (xxvi) Nigerian Communication Commission;
- 16 (xxvii) Bureau of Public Procurement;
- 17 (xxviii) Nigeria. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
- 18 (NEIT);
- 19 (xxix) Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission;
- 20 (xxx) National Identity Management Commission;
- 21 (xxxi) Federal Road Safety Commission;
- 22 (xxxii) National Lottery Regulatory Commission;
- 23 (xxxiii) Fiscal Responsibility Commission;
- 24 (xxxiv) National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency;
- 25 (xxv) National Biosafety Management Agency; and
- 26 (xxxvi) Nigerian National Petroleum Company.”
- 27 **3.** This Bill may be cited as Statutory Corporations (Modifications,
- 28 etc.)(Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Schedule to the Statutory Corporations (Modifications ; etc.) Act, Cap. S12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to update the list of the Statutory Corporations and Companies controlled by the Federal Government as provided in its enabling legal regime.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE 1999 CONSTITUTION (WITH ALTERATIONS) AND
FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1. The 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (With
Alterations) (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Act") is altered as set
out hereunder. Alteration of the
Principal Act

1 **2.** Section 81 Sub-Section (1) of the Principal Act is altered by Alteration of
Section 81 (1)
of the Principal
Act
2 deleting the entire Sub-Section (1) and replacing same with another Sub-
3 section (1) of Section 81, which says, thus:
4 *"The President shall not later than three months to the end of each financial*
5 *year cause to be prepared and laid before each House of the National*
6 *Assembly estimates of revenues and expenditures of the federation for the*
7 *next following financial year."*

8 **3.** Section 82 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting the figure Alteration of
Section 82 of
the Principal Act
9 "six" immediately after the word "exceeding", and substituting the figure
10 "six" with the figure "three"

11 **4.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
12 Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to ensure that proposed budgets are passed into law before the beginning of every year on the first day of January as provided in Section 318 of the Constitution.

It also aims at ensuring that the Executive arm of government does not spend Federation money for too long without currently being appropriated by the two Houses of the National Assembly to reflect the reality time.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL LANDS REGISTRY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, CAP F15, 1992 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federation of Nigeria as follows:

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| 1 | 1. The Federal Lands Registry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act | Amendment of
the Principal Act |
| 2 | (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out | |
| 3 | hereunder. | |
| 4 | 2. Section 1 (3) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the 5 | Amendment of
Section 1 (3) |
| 5 | existing section and introducing new section as follows: | |
| 6 | "The headquarters of the Registry shall be situated in the Federal Capital | |
| 7 | Territory, Abuja and there shall be established a branch office of the Registry | |
| 8 | in each State of the Federation". | |
| 9 | 3. Section 3(1) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the | Amendment of
Section 3(1) |
| 10 | word "ten" and substituting same with the word "fifteen" in line 3. | |
| 11 | 4. Section 3(3) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the | Amendment of
Section 3(3) |
| 12 | existing section and introducing new section as follows: | |
| 13 | "The Registrar of Deeds shall be the Chief Executive of the Registry and | |
| 14 | shall subject to the directives of the Minister hold office for a term of four | |
| 15 | years in the first instance and may be re-appointment for another term of | |
| 16 | four years at the expiration of the first term". | |
| 17 | 5. This Bill may be cited as Federal Lands Registry | Citation |
| 18 | (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 2019. | |

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Lands Registry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 to situate the headquarters of the Registry in the Federal Capital Territory, increase the post qualification years of the Registrar of Deeds and fix a term of years for the appointment of the Registrar of Deeds.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE KILLING OF DONKEYS IN NIGERIA AND THE EXPORTATION OF DONKEYS OR ITS CARCASSES OR DERIVATIVES OUT OF NIGERIA GIVEN THEIR DEPLETION IN NUMBERS; THE THREAT OF EXTINCTION; AND THEIR AESTHETIC, ECOLOGICAL, EDUCATIONAL, HISTORICAL, RECREATIONAL, AND SCIENTIFIC VALUE TO THE NIGERIAN NATION, ITS PEOPLE AND USE PARTICULARLY IN RURAL TRANSPORTATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019

Sponsored by Hon. Garba Datti Muhammad

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

- 1 **1.** Notwithstanding anything contained in the Customs Excise
2 Tariff, etc. (Consolidation) Act or in any Act or other enactment (including
3 any statutory instrument or order), it shall be prohibited to export out of
4 Nigeria a donkey or its carcass or its body parts (including skins) or any
5 product or derivative of a donkey. Prohibition of
exportation of
donkeys, carcass,
body parts, etc.
- 6 **2.** It shall be unlawful to: Prohibition of
killing of donkeys,
etc.
 - 7 (a) knowingly slaughter or kill a donkey by any means whatsoever;
 - 8 (b) knowingly ship, transport, move, deliver, receive, possess,
9 purchase, sell, or donate a donkey to be slaughtered for human consumption
10 or for food for other animals; or
 - 11 (c) knowingly ship, transport, move, deliver, receive, possess,
12 purchase, sell, or donate donkey parts for human consumption or for food
13 for other animals.
- 14 **3.** For public health reasons, the carcass of a donkey lying in a Handling of a
carcass lying in
a public place
15 public place may be cremated under the supervision of public health
16 authorities.

Offences, penalty, etc.	1	4.- (1) Any person who commits an offence under sections 1 and 2 of
	2	this Bill shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for ten (10) years.
	3	(2) Where a corporate body or an association of persons commits an
	4	offence under this Bill, the chief executive, leader, head, or director of such a
	5	corporate body or association of persons shall become personally liable for the
	6	penalty prescribed in subsection (1).
	7	(3) In addition to the penalty specified in subsection (1) of this
	8	section-
	9	(a) the goods the export of which is prohibited under this Bill, as well
	10	as any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other thing whatsoever used in connection
Jurisdiction of the Federal High Court	11	with the exportation or vehicle, tools, devices, structure or building used in.
	12	connection with slaughtering or killing a donkey shall be forfeited to the
	13	Federal Government;
	14	(b) any customs officer or other person who aids, counsels, procures,
	15	or conspires with any person to commit an offence under this section, shall be
	16	guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to the same punishment as
	17	prescribed for the offence under subsection (1) of this section.
	18	5. Any offence committed under this Bill shall be triable by the
	19	Federal High Court.
	20	6. In this Bill-
Interpretation	21	"public place" means an indoor or outdoor area (including any highway, wharf,
	22	street, bridge, thoroughfare, any foreshore or any beach or open space,
	23	stadium, any place of public resort or of entertainment, whether privately or
	24	publicly owned, to which the public have any access by right or by invitation,
	25	expressed or implied, whether by payment of money or not, and also includes
	26	all land and land covered with water contiguous to a public place.
	27	7. This Bill may be cited as Donkey Export and Killing (Prohibition)
	28	Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to prohibit the killing of donkeys in Nigeria and the exportation of donkeys or its carcasses or derivatives out of Nigeria given their depletion in numbers; the threat of extinction; and their aesthetic, ecological, educational, historical, recreational, and scientific value to the Nigerian Nation, its people and use particularly in rural transportation.

NIGERIA INSTITUTE FOR PLANT PROTECTION
(ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2019.
ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Clauses:

1. Establishment of the Institute and Incorporation
2. Functions of the Institute
3. Powers of the Institute
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6. Tenure of Office
7. The Functions of the Council
8. Funds
9. Bank Account
10. Investment
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- 27. Convening of Council Meetings
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- 29. Validity of Proceedings
- 30. Standing Orders
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- 33. Interpretation
- 34. Short Title

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA INSTITUTE FOR PLANT PROTECTION
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Henry O. Archibong

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria:

- 1 **1.**-(1) There is established for the profession of Plant Protection, an Establishment
2 Institute to be known as the Nigeria Institute for Plant Protection (in this Bill of the Institute
3 referred to as "Institute"). and Incorporation
- 4 (2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual
5 succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued in its corporate
6 name and shall have power to own, hold and dispose of property whether
7 movable or immovable.
- 8 **2.** The functions of the Institute are to: Functions of the
9 (a) advice on academic qualification and practical skills required Institute
- 10 by persons seeking to become registered as Members, Associates or Fellows
11 of the Institute, as the case may be;
- 12 (b) regulate the practice of the profession for Plant Protection;
- 13 (c) establish, update and maintain a register of Plant Doctors and
14 Plant Protection Officers under this Bill according to their various ranks and
15 to regulate the prerogatives and privileges pertaining to those ranks;
- 16 (d) ensure that Plant Doctors and Plant Protection Officers in
17 Nigeria uphold the ethics of the profession and guarantee the sustainability
18 of high quality service in the protection of plants;
- 19 (e) advance the education, science, technology and art of Plant
20 Protection in its various disciplines of Bacteriology, Biotechnology,
21 Entomology, Mycology, Nematology, Virology, Weed Science in

Powers of the
Institute

- 1 collaboration with zonal coordinating Research Institutes;
- 2 (f) promote the protection of plants through scientific methods, and
- 3 regulate all issues pertaining to plant health in Nigeria;
- 4 (g) advise and encourage the enactment and the enforcement of laws
- 5 governing plant health, biosecurity and biosafety that can guarantee
- 6 sustainable production and consistent supply of food to Nigerians;
- 7 (h) educate the public on Plant Protection activities;
- 8 (i) co-operate or affiliate with any relevant associations either locally
- 9 or internationally in the pursuit of sustainable protection of plants;
- 10 **3.** The Institute shall have power to:
- 11 (a) establish and promote disease diagnostic services and also
- 12 pathogen, pest and weed identification facilities;
- 13 (b) establish standards, procedures and protocols for disease and pest
- 14 management;
- 15 (c) regulate the sale and use of agricultural chemicals and other plant
- 16 protection protocols;
- 17 (d) establish such offices, departments, units and branches of the
- 18 Institute as may be required for the proper administration and operation of the
- 19 Institute;
- 20 (e) subject to such terms and conditions as the Institute may approve,
- 21 engage staff, agents and other workers as the Institute may from time to time
- 22 require for the performance of its functions under this Act;
- 23 (f) establish necessary organization for the proper and efficient
- 24 conduct of the affairs of the Institute; provide staff regulations for all staff of the
- 25 Institute and provide pension and welfare schemes for the staff; and
- 26 (g) do such other acts and things as may be necessary for the
- 27 performance of the functions of the Institute.

Establishment
of the Council

- 28 **4.-(1)** There shall be established for the Institute a Governing Council
- 29 Establishment of to be known as the Council of the Nigeria Institute for Plant
- 30 Protection (in the Council.

1 this Act referred to as the "Council").

2 (2) The Council shall consist of:

3 (a) the President;

4 (b) the Vice President;

5 (c) the Registrar;

6 (d) five representatives who shall be elected by the Nigeria
7 Institute of Plant Protection to the Institute;

8 (e) One representative each from the Institute of Agricultural
9 Research and Training (IAR & T), Ibadan, the Institute for Agricultural
10 Research, Zaria, International Institute for Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan,
11 National Crops Research Institute, Umudike;

12 (f) The Minister of Agriculture or his representative;

13 (g) The Minister of Education or his representative;

14 (h) The Minister of Environment or his representative;

15 (i) The Minister of Science and Technology or his representative;

16 (j) One representative to be nominated by Agro-allied division of
17 Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN);

18 (k) One person to be elected by the Institute to represent agro-
19 allied industries; and

20 (l) Immediate Past-President of the Society (Ex-officio).

21 **5.** The President, the Vice-President and other members of the
22 Council Election of mentioned in subsection (2) of section 4 of this Bill,
23 shall be elected by the Members of the Nigerian Society for Plant Protection
24 from amongst its Members, at an Council Annual General Meeting of the
25 Nigerian Society for Plant Protection.

Election of
Members of the
Council

26 **6.-(1)** The term of office of a member of the Council other than an
27 ex-officio member shall be three years but such member shall at the end of
28 that term be eligible for re-election, for one more term only.

Tenure of Office

29 (2) The office of a member of the Council shall become vacant if
30 the member:

	1	(a) resigns his office, by a written notice to the Council;
	2	(b) is removed from office by the Council, by reason of his
	3	professional misconduct or physical or mental infirmity; or
	4	(c) without leave of the Council, absents himself from 3 consecutive
	5	meetings of the Council;
The functions of the Council	6	7. The functions of the Council shall be to:
	7	(a) carry into effect the functions and powers of the Institute;
	8	(b) govern the affairs of the Institute;
	9	(c) effect proper management of the Institute;
	10	(d) do other acts and things as the Council may consider necessary for
	11	carrying out the functions and powers of the Institute; and
	12	(d) Undertake other activities as the Council may consider necessary
	13	for carrying out the functions and powers of the Institute;
Funds	14	8. The funds of the Institute shall consist of:
	15	(a) contributions, levies, subscriptions, fees and other dues paid by
	16	the Members:
	17	(b) revenue accruing to the Institute from its investments, activities
	18	and services;
	19	(c) grants, endowments and donations from Governments, agencies,
	20	organizations, benefactors and other donors;
	21	(d) revenue accruing to the Institute from any other source approved
	22	by the Council:
Bank Account	23	9. The funds of the Institute shall be paid into an account in a
	24	reputable bank approved by the Council and no instrument for the withdrawal
	25	of any money from that account shall be valid unless it is authenticated by the
	26	signatures of the President and the Registrar or by the signatures of such
	27	officers of the Institute as may from time to time be approved by the Council.
Investment	28	10. The Institute may from time to time subject to such terms and
	29	conditions as the Council may approve, invest any part of its funds in any
	30	securities and may at any time dispose of such securities.

1	11. The Institute may from time to time, subject to such terms and	Borrowing Power
2	conditions as the Council may approve, borrow such money as the Council	
3	may require for carrying out any of the functions of the power of the	
4	Institute.	
5	12. -(1) The Institute shall keep and maintain proper accounts of its	Accounts of the
6	income and expenditure and shall by the 30th day of September of each year	Institute
7	submit such accounts to be audited by any auditor approved by the	
8	Accountant-General of the Federation.	
9	(2) The audited accounts of the Institute and the auditor's report	
10	thereon shall, not later than the 31st day of December of each year, be	
11	submitted by the Institute, to the Council.	
12	PART III - REGISTRAR AND REGISTRATION	
13	13. -(1) There shall be appointed by the Council, a fit and proper	Appointment of
14	person to be the Registrar of the Institute.	Registrar
15	(2) The Registrar shall, subject to the overall control of the	
16	Council:	
17	(a) be the Secretary to the Council;	
18	(b) keep custody of the Register of the Institute and make such	
19	entries in the Register as the Council may from time to time by resolution,	
20	direct;	
21	(c) keep custody of the common seal of the Institute and affix same	
22	to such documents as the Council may direct; and	
23	(d) carry out other duties as the Council or the President may from	
24	time to time direct.	
25	14. The Institute shall keep and maintain a register of all the	Register of the
26	Members including the Associates, Fellows and Honorary Fellows.	Institute
27	15. The Institute may subject to the provisions of this Bill, and	Registration of
28	such rules as the Council may make in that regard, admit and register any	Members
29	person as:	
30	(a) A Member;	

	1	(b) an Associate;
	2	(a) a Fellow; or
	3	(c) an Honorary Fellow.
Registered Member	4	16. A person shall be eligible to be admitted and registered as a
	5	Member if that person is:
	6	(a) At least a holder of a first degree or equivalent qualification in
	7	Agriculture, Crop Science or Crop Protection, from any accredited institution
	8	and has duly completed the mandatory one year NYSC scheme with proof of
	9	participation;
	10	(b) a member of any equivalent Plant Protection Institution,
	11	recognized by the Council.
Associates	12	17. -(a) that person has by research efforts, publications and
	13	experience in any area of Plant Protection, contributed significantly to the
	14	growth and development of Plant Protection or related areas; and
	15	(b) the Council is satisfied that the Member is a fit and proper person
	16	to be elevated to the rank of Associate.
Fellows	17	18. -(a) that person has by research efforts, publications and
	18	experience in any area of Plant Protection, contributed significantly to the
	19	growth and development of Plant Protection or related areas;
	20	(b) the Council is satisfied that the Member is a fit and proper person
	21	to be elevated to the rank of Fellow;
	22	(c) the person holds the minimum academic qualification that admits
	23	ordinary members.
Honorary	24	19. A person may be registered as an Honorary Fellow if:
	25	(a) that person is distinguished in any area of Plant Pest and Disease
	26	Management and related industry; and
	27	(b) the Council is satisfied that the person is a fit and proper person to
	28	be elevated to the rank of Honorary Fellow.
Certificate and Honours	29	20. The Council may subject to its rules in that regard award
	30	distinctive certificate and other honours Certificate to any person, Member,

1 Associate, fellow or Honourary Fellow as the case may be, for any
2 distinctive Honours, achievement in any discipline or area of agriculture.

3 PART IV - ACCREDITATION OF PLANT PEST AND DISEASE

4 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES

5 **21.**-(1) The Council shall delegate a Committee of the Council to Accreditation
6 undertake inspection of Plant Pest and Disease Diagnostic Laboratories in
7 Nigeria for the purpose of accreditation.

8 (2) Subject to this Bill a person who has not obtained his first
9 degree or other academic qualification from an accredited institution shall
10 not be eligible to be registered as a Member.

11 PART IV - PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

12 **22.** In this part, "professional misconduct" means any conduct Professional
13 considered by the Council to be professional misconduct and includes Misconduct
14 professional indiscipline, unjust enrichment of any person, abuse of office
15 and corrupt practice in the conduct of a member in the public service.

16 **23.**-(1) There shall be established for the Institute a Disciplinary Disciplinary
17 Tribunal to be known as the Nigeria Institute for Plant Protection Misconduct
18 Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as the "Tribunal").

19 (2) The Tribunal shall hear and determine any case of professional
20 misconduct against any Plant Health Doctor/Plant Health Officer in the
21 discharge of his official duties as a professional.

22 (3) The Tribunal shall consist of the President and six other to be
23 appointed by the Council.

24 **24.**-(1) There shall, for the purpose of the proceedings before the Investigating
25 Tribunal be established a panel to be known as the Investigating Panel of the Panel
26 Nigeria Institute for Plant Protection (in this Bill referred to as the "Panel").

27 (2) The Panel shall:

28 (a) conduct preliminary investigations into any allegation of
29 complaint of professional misconduct against any member, Associate or
30 Fellow of the Institute; and

	1	(b) decide whether or not such member, Associate or Fellow has a
	2	case to answer before the Tribunal and where applicable to refer such case to
	3	the "Tribunal for hearing and determination.
	4	(3) The Panel shall consist of a Chairman and 4 other members to be
	5	appointed by the Council.
Tribunal Rules Schedule	6	25. The Council may make rules to regulate the proceedings of the
	7	Tribunal and the Investigating Tribunal Rules Panel, but until such rules are
	8	made the rules contained in the Schedule to this Bill are applicable.
Penalties	9	26. Where:
	10	(a) a member is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of professional
	11	misconduct;
	12	(b) a member is convicted of an offence by any court in Nigeria or
	13	elsewhere having power to sentence an offender to imprisonment (whether or
	14	not punishable with imprisonment) and the offence in the opinion of the
	15	Tribunal derogates from his membership in the Institute; or
	16	(c) the Tribunal is satisfied that any person has been fraudulently
	17	registered in the Register of Members, the Tribunal shall give directions to the
	18	Registrar either to reprimand that Member or to strike that Member's name off
	19	the Register and the Registrar shall comply with such directions.
Convening of Council Meetings	20	27. The Council shall hold not less than 3 Council meetings every
	21	year, but the President shall upon the requisition of not less than 7 members
	22	convene an emergency Council meeting to transact the business Council
	23	specified in the notice of that emergency Council meeting.
President at Council Meetings	24	28. The President shall preside at any meeting of the Council, and in
	25	the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside; But where both
	26	the President and the Vice-President are absent, members of the Council
	27	present shall elect one of their members to preside at such a meeting.
Validity of Proceedings	28	29. The proceedings of the Council shall not be affected by the
	29	absence of any member of the Council or any defect in the election or
	30	appointment of any member or by reason that a person not entitled to

1 Proceedings, has taken part in such proceedings.

2 **30.** The Council may make standing orders to regulate its Standing Orders
3 proceedings and those of any of its committees.

4 **31.** The President shall preside at any annual general meeting of Annual General
5 the Institute; and in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall Meeting of Institute
6 preside, and where both the President and the Vice-President are absent, the
7 members present shall elect one of their members to preside at such meeting.

8 PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS

9 **32.-(1)** The Council may make regulations to carry into effect any Regulations
10 of the provisions of this Bill.

11 (2) Without prejudice to Section (31), the Council may make
12 regulations to:

13 (a) prescribe the fees, dues and subscriptions payable by the
14 Members;

(b) prescribe the forms of the licenses and certificates, to be issued to Plant Protection Doctors/Plant Health Officers;

17 (c) prescribe the date, procedure and agenda of the annual general
18 meeting of the Institute; and

19 (d) specify the offices and duties of the officers of the Institute.

20	33. In this Bill:	Interpretation
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21 "Council" means Council established by Section 4;

22 "Institute" means Nigeria Institute for Plant Protection established by
23 Section I;

24 "Institution" means Faculty, College or University of Agriculture;

25 "Member" means member of the Institute and includes an Associate and a
26 Fellow of the Institute;

27 "President" means President of the Institute;

28 "Ranks" means status of members, Associates or Fellows;

29 "Register" means Register created and maintained under Section 14;

30 "Tribunal" means Tribunal established under Section 23;

Short title

1 "Vice-President" means the Vice-President of the Institute;
2 "Second Vice-President" means Second Vice-President of the Institute.
3 "Ex-officio" means the immediate past President of the Institute.
4 **34.** This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Institute for Plant Protection
5 (Establishment) Bill, 2019.

SCHEDULE

Parties

8 1.-(1) The parties to any proceedings of the Tribunal shall be:
9 (a) the complainant;
10 (b) the respondent; and
11 (c) any other person required by the Tribunal to be joined, or joined by
12 leave of the Tribunal.
13 (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this rule, parties to the proceedings
14 may enter an appearance in person, or by their respective legal practitioners
15 acting as counsel.
16 (3) The Tribunal may require the attendance of the complainant or
17 respondent in person if that is necessary in the interest of justice.

Notice of Hearing

19 2.-(1) When a complaint is referred by the panel to the Tribunal, the
20 Registrar shall, after consultation with the Chairman, appoint a time and place
21 for the hearing; and shall in the form in the Schedule hereto, give notice to all
22 interested parties (including members of the Tribunal and the assessor) as
23 directed or required by the Chairman.
24 (2) If directions are for any reason not so given, it shall be sufficient
25 compliance with this rule if the notice is:
26 (a) handed to the party concerned or affected, personally; or
27 (b) sent by registered post to the last known place of abode of the
28 party;
29 3.-(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, the Tribunal may hear and
30 determine a case in the absence of any party.

1 *Hearing in Absence of Parties*

2 (2) Any party to any proceeding before a Tribunal who fails to
3 appear or be represented may apply within one month after the date when the
4 pronouncement of the findings and directions of the Tribunal were given, for
5 a rehearing on the ground of want of notice or other good and sufficient
6 reason; and the Tribunal, in appropriate cases may grant the application
7 upon such terms as to costs or otherwise as it thinks fit.

8 *Hearing of Witnesses*

9 4. The Tribunal may in the course of its proceedings hear
10 witnesses and receive any documentary evidence necessary in its opinion to
11 assist it in arriving at a conclusion as to the truth or otherwise of the
12 allegation of misconduct in the complaint referred to it by the panel; and in
13 the application of this rule, the provisions of the Evidence Act shall apply in
14 any such proceedings.

15 *Amendment of Complaint*

16 5. If in the course of the proceedings it appears to the Tribunal that
17 the complaint before it requires to be amended in any respect, the Tribunal
18 may, on such terms as it thinks fit, allow the amendment to be made and the
19 complaint as amended shall thereupon be dealt with accordingly.

20 *Proceedings be in Public*

21 6. The proceedings of the Tribunal shall be held, and its findings
22 and directions shall be delivered in public unless otherwise directed by the
23 Tribunal.

24 *Finding and Costs in Certain Cases*

25 7. The Tribunal may, on its own motion, or upon the application of
26 any party, adjourn the hearing, on such terms as to cost or otherwise as the
27 Tribunal thinks fits.

28 *False Evidence*

29 8. If any person willfully gives false evidence on oath before the
30 Tribunal during the course of any proceedings, or willfully makes a false

1 statement in any affidavit sworn to for the purpose of such proceedings, the
2 Tribunal may refer the matter to the Attorney-General of the Federation for
3 such action as the Attorney-General may think fit.

4 9. If after the hearing, the Tribunal adjudges that the charge of
5 professional misconduct has not been proved, the Tribunal;

6 (a) shall record the findings that the respondent is not guilty of such
7 misconduct in respect of which the charge was preferred; and

8 (b) may nevertheless order any party (except the complainant) to pay
9 the costs of the proceedings, having regard in his conduct and to all the
10 circumstances of the case.

11 *Publication of Finding*

12 10. Any finding made or direction given by the Tribunal shall be
13 published in the Federal Gazette immediately after such finding or direction, as
14 the case may be.

15 11. The Chairman shall during the hearing, take the minutes of the
16 proceedings which shall be open to inspection by the parties and shall be made
17 available to any party upon the payment of such charges as the Registrar may
18 by instrument published in the Federal Gazette, fix.

19 *Miscellaneous powers of Tribunal*

20 12. The Tribunal may dispense with any requirements of these rules
21 regarding notices, affidavits, documents, service or time for doing or omitting
22 anything, in any case where it appears to the Tribunal to be just or expedient so
23 to do, and the Tribunal may in any particular case extend the time for doing
24 anything under these rules.

25 *Powers to retain exhibit pending appeal*

26 13. Books and other exhibits whatsoever produced or used at the
27 hearing shall unless the Tribunal otherwise directs, be retained by the Registrar
28 until the expiry of the time for filing an appeal against any finding or direction
29 of the Tribunal or, if notice of any such appeal is given, until the hearing and
30 disposal of the appeal.

Appointment and duties of Assessors

14.-(1) An Assessor, shall be appointed by the Council by instrument, and the assessor shall hold and vacate office as provided in his instrument of appointment, and where the appointment is not a general one, it shall have effect only in respect of a particular proceeding of the Tribunal.

(2) Subject to the terms of his appointment, an assessor shall attend the proceedings of the Tribunal whenever required to do so by notice in writing given to him by the Registrar not later than 3 days, before the date fixed for the hearing of such Proceedings; and he shall advise the Tribunal on questions of law only.

*Miscellaneous**Interpretation*

15. In this Rules (Schedule):

"Complainant" means a person or body appearing before the Tribunal, professional misconduct against a member of the Institute;

"Respondent" means the persons required to answer to any charge of Professional misconduct.

Citation

16. This Rules in this Schedule may be cited as the Nigeria Institute for Plant Protection (Disciplinary Tribunal) Rules.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Nigeria Institute for Plant Protection charged with the responsibilities for regulating the profession of Plants Protection in Nigeria.

The establishment of this Bill is necessitated to meet international best practice in regulating and professionalism in Plants Protection, etc.

CANCER REGISTRY BILL, 2019

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Sections

1. Appointment of Director General
2. Cessation as a Director General
3. Tenure of Office
4. Staff and Remuneration
5. Maintenance of Cancer Registry
6. Reporting of cancer
7. Director-General may require supply of further information
8. Protection against actions
9. Offences
10. Regulations
11. Interpretation
12. Short Title

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CANCER REGISTRY, TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE
COMPILATION OF A STATISTICAL RECORD OF THE INCIDENCE OF CANCER;
TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DIRECTION OF PROGRAMMES FOR RESEARCH
AND FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND FOR RELATED MATERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 **1.-(1)** The Director General shall be appointed by the President of Appointment of
2 the Federal Republic of Nigeria upon a recommendation by the Minister of Director-General
3 Health.

4 (2) A person shall be qualified for appointment as the Director
5 General of the Registry if the person:

6 (a) Is a Medical Doctor registered under the Medical and Dental
7 Practitioners Act of Nigeria;

8 (b) Posses a postgraduate degree on cancer disease;

9 (c) He has at least ten years proven experience and versed on
10 cancer disease.

11 (3) The Director General shall be the Accounting Officer and Chief
12 Executive of the Cancer Registry.

13	2.-(1) The Director General shall cease to hold office if:	Cessation as a Director General
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15 (b) He resigns from office by a notice in writing addressed to the
16 President;

17 (c) He becomes of unsound mind;

18 (d) He becomes bankrupt;

	1	(e) He is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty;
	2	(f) He is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties;
	3	(g) He is removed from office by the President, if it is not in the
	4	interest of the public that he should continue in office.
	5	(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director General, the
	6	President shall appoint a replacement in accordance with the provisions of this
	7	Act.
Tenure of Office	8	3. The Director General shall be appointed for a term of four years,
	9	subject to re-appointment for another second term of four years.
Staff and Remuneration	10	4. The staff of the Cancer Registry shall be paid such remuneration
	11	and allowances as the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal
	12	Commission may, from time to time determine.
Maintenance of Cancer Registry	13	5.-(1) The Director General shall maintain or arrange for the
	14	maintenance of a Cancer Registry.
	15	(2) The purposes of the Cancer Registry are:
	16	(a) to provide information on the incidence of, and mortality from,
	17	cancer; and
	18	(b) to provide a basis for cancer survival studies and research
	19	programmes.
Reporting of Cancer	20	6.-(1) Where a cancer test indicates the presence of cancer in any
	21	person (including a deceased person), the person in charge of the laboratory
	22	where that test was carried out shall cause a report of that test to be made to the
	23	Director General for the purposes of the Cancer Registry.
	24	(2) Where a post-mortem examination of any deceased person
	25	indicates the presence of cancer in that person, the person who carried out that
	26	examination shall cause a report of that examination to be made to the Director
	27	General for the purposes of the Cancer Registry.
	28	(3) Every report under subsection (1) or subsection (2):
	29	(a) shall be made within the prescribed time; and
	30	(b) shall be made in the prescribed form and manner.

1 (4) No person is required to make a report under this section with
2 respect to:

3 (a) any cancer test that indicates the presence of cancer in any
4 person (including a deceased person); or

5 (b) any post-mortem examination of any deceased person that
6 indicates the presence of cancer in that person:

7 if the first-mentioned person has good reason to believe that the presence of
8 that particular cancer in that other person has already been reported to the
9 Director General, whether in a report made under this section or pursuant to
10 any arrangements that were in place before the commencement of this Act or
11 otherwise.

12 7.-(1) Where any report made under section 7 of this Act is
13 incomplete in any respect by reason that the person making the report does
14 not have available to that person certain information necessary to enable a
15 complete report to be made, the Director General may, for the purpose of
16 obtaining that information, by notice in writing require any person (being a
17 medical practitioner or the person in charge of any hospital) that the Director
18 General reasonably believes may have all or any of that information to
19 provide to the Director General such information as may be specified in the
20 notice.

Director General
may require
supply of further
information

21 (2) Every person to whom a notice is given under sub section (1)
22 and who has any of the information specified in that notice shall provide that
23 information within such time, and in such form and manner, as may be
24 specified in the notice.

25 (3) In subsection (1), medical practitioner means a person who is,
26 or is deemed to be fully registered with the Medical and Dental Practitioners
27 of Nigeria.

28 8.-(1) No proceedings, civil or criminal, shall lie against any
29 person by reason of that person having made available any information for
30 the purposes of complying with the requirements of section 7 or section

Protection
against actions

	1	8(2). (2) Nothing in subsection (1) applies in respect of proceedings for an
	2	offence against section 10.
Offences	3	9. A person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine
	4	not exceeding N500,000.00 or imprisonment not exceeding 3 years who-(a)
	5	fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the requirements of section 7
	6	or section 8(2); or (b) knowingly supplies information that is false or
	7	misleading in purported compliance with section 7 or section 8(2).
Regulations	8	10. The Minister may from time to time, make regulations for all or
	9	any of the following purposes:
	10	(a) prescribing the form and manner in which reports are to be made to
	11	the Director General under section 7:
	12	(b) prescribing the time within which reports are to be made to the
	13	Director General under section 7:
	14	(c) declaring any type of cancer to be a cancer to which this Act does
	15	not apply;
	16	(d) providing for such other matters as are contemplated by or
	17	necessary for giving full effect to this Act and for its due administration.
Interpretation	18	11. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-
	19	(1) Cancer:
	20	(a) means a malignant growth of human tissue that, if unchecked:
	21	(i) is likely to spread to adjacent tissue or beyond its place of origin;
	22	and
	23	(ii) may have the propensity to recur; and
	24	(b) without limiting the generality of paragraph (a), includes
	25	carcinoma-in-situ, carcinoma, sarcoma (including Kaposi's sarcoma), any
	26	mixed tumour, leukaemia, any type of lymphoma, and melanoma;
	27	(c) but does not include:
	28	(i) any secondary or metastatic cancer, except where the primary
	29	cancer is not identified:
	30	(ii) any type of cancer that is declared by regulations made under this

1 Act to be a cancer to which this Act does not apply.

2 (2) Cancer Test-- means any examination or test (including the
3 examination of any blood, cytological or tissue biopsy specimen, or other
4 material) that is carried out in any pathology laboratory to determine the
5 presence or absence of cancer in any person (including a deceased person);

6 (3) Minister--means the Minister in-charge of Federal Ministry of
7 Health.

8 **12.** This Bill may be cited as the Cancer Registry Bill, 2019.

Short title

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to take into cognizance the present increase and spread of the attack of cancer disease globally and the deadly consequences it has on people. This necessitated the need to embark on programmes for research and massive preventive measures.

REVENUE MOBILISATION, ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION ACT
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019
ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause:

1. Amendment of the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal
Commission Act Cap. R7 LFN, 2004
2. Sanctions
3. Amendment of Section 6 of the Principal Act
4. Amendment of Section 15 of the Principal Act
5. Citation

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVENUE MOBILISATION, ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION ACT CAP R7 LFN, 2004 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR SANCTIONS TO PUNISH ERRING REVENUE GENERATING AGENCIES, TO ENHANCE THE REVENUE PROFILE AND REMITTANCE INTO THE FEDERATION ACCOUNT, TO FACILITATE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019

Sponsored by Hon. Abbas Tajudeen

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

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| <p>1 1. The Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission</p> <p>2 Act Cap. R7 LFN, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the “Principal Act”) is</p> <p>3 amended as set out in this Bill:</p> <p>4 2. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Clause 6A</p> <p>5 Sanctions after the existing Section 6:</p> <p>6 “6A (1) The Commission shall recommend to the president, the</p> <p>7 removal from office of the Chief Executive Officer of any Ministry,</p> <p>8 Department or Agency that fails to:</p> <p>9 (a) remit the revenue generated by the Department or Agency; or</p> <p>10 (b) transmit any data requested by the Commission.</p> <p>11 (2) The Commission shall transmit the recommendation made to</p> <p>12 the President for the removal of any Chief Executive Officer to the National</p> <p>13 Assembly.”</p> <p>14 3. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by</p> <p>15 inserting a new paragraph (dd) after the existing paragraph (d):</p> <p>16 “(dd) direct oversight functions over any Revenue Generating Agency to</p> <p>17 ascertain discharge of functions in accordance with appropriate laws,</p> | <p>Amendment of
the Revenue
Mobilisation and
Fiscal Commission
Act, Cap. R7
LFN, 2004</p> <p>Sanctions</p> <p>Amendment of
Section 6 of the
Principal Act</p> |
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accomplishment of target and remittance of revenue into the Federation Account or any other designated Authority.”

Amendment of
Section 15 of the
Principal Act

4. Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the interpretation of "member", the following:

“President” means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Short Title

5. This Bill may be cited as the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to amend the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act Cap. R7 Laws of the Federation, 2004 to make provision for sanctions to punish erring revenue generating agencies, to enhance the revenue profile and remittance into the federation account to facilitate national development.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT CAP. P44 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA (LFN) 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR DAMAGE AGAINST THE CONTRACTOR ON ISSUES RELATING TO UNDUE DELAY IN COMPLETION OF CONTRACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019

Sponsored by Hon. Abbas Tajudeen

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows-

- 1 **1.** The Public Procurement Act Cap. P44 Laws of the Federation
2 of Nigeria of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is
3 amended as set out as follows: Amendment of
the Principal Act,
Cap. P.44 LFN
- 4 **2.** The Principal Act is hereby amended by inserting a new Insertion of New
Section 37
5 Insertion of New Section 37 after the existing Section as follows-
6 “37 Notwithstanding any provision in the contract of agreement,
7 where a contractor fails to deliver a contract within the target period with
8 express permission from the relevant authority, the contractor shall be
9 entitled to grace of ninety (90) days after which shall be liable to pay a
10 damage not exceeding five (5) percent of the contract sum”.
- 11 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Public Procurement Act Citation
12 (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to amend the Public Procurement Act to provide for damage against the contractor on issues relating to delay in completion of contract and to specify deadline.