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Note on Subsidiary Legislation

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

Note on Validation

Section 6 of Act No. 33 of 1981 states as follows:

6. All acts done by the Institute in purported exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Act are deemed to have been lawfully and validly done notwithstanding the fact that the Institute was not properly constituted at the time when those acts were done and no legal proceedings shall be instituted or entertained in respect or in consequence of such acts and things by reason only of that fact.

Note on Act No. 10 of 2020

The amendments made to this Act by Act No. 10 of 2020 took effect on 11th May 2020 by LN 92/2020.

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19 of 1971. **An Act to provide for the Incorporation of the Caribbean
Industrial Research Institute.**

Commencement. [1ST JANUARY 1970]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago an
Institute known as the “Caribbean Industrial Research Institute”:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Caribbean Industrial
Research Institute should be incorporated for the purpose of
exercising the powers hereinafter set forth:

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the Caribbean Industrial
Research Institute Act.

Interpretation.
[33 of 1981]. **2.** In this Act—
“Board” means the Board of Management established under
section 10;
“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board;
“Executing Agency” means the United Nations Industrial
Development Organisation acting as participating and
executing agency for the United Nations Special Fund;
“the Institute” means the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute
established under section 3;
“Plan of Operation” means the plan of operation signed
between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation on
5th August 1970;
“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Board;
“Special Fund” means United Nations Development Programme
Special Fund referred to in the Plan of Operation.

Incorporation
of the Institute.
[33 of 1981]. **3.** The Institute known as the Caribbean Industrial Research
Institute shall be and is hereby created a body corporate.

4. (1) The seal of the Institute shall be kept in the custody either of the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman or of the Secretary, as the Board may determine, and the seal may be affixed to instruments pursuant to Rules made by the Institute or to a resolution of the Board and in the presence of the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, and of one other member, and the Secretary.

Custody and use of seal.

(2) The seal of the Institute shall be attested by the signature of the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, and the Secretary.

(3) All documents, other than those required by law to be under seal made by, and all decisions of, the Institute may be signified under the hand of the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman or the Secretary or such other officers as the Board may determine.

5. The Institute shall at all times have a permanent address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Institute and such address shall be registered with the Registrar General. All documents to be served on the Institute may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to, the address so registered.

Service of documents.

6. (1) The objects of the Institute shall be—

- (a) to provide technical and industrial services to public and private industrial enterprises;
- (b) to collect and disseminate technical information, including applicable standards, specifications and quality control procedures;
- (c) to undertake chemical analytic work particularly in connection with quality control testing in food industries and other local industries;
- (d) to provide physical (measurements) and materials testing services;
- (e) to provide engineering services, including assistance with establishing production lines, prototype designs, maintenance and repair problems;

Objects and powers of the Institute.

- (f) to undertake economic and technical feasibility studies, including market surveys, with a view to identifying bankable projects;
- (g) to advise the Government on the formulation of specifications, the promulgation and application of industrial processes and practices and the preparation of industrial standards;
- (h) to engage in industrial research programmes related to the needs of Trinidad and Tobago and of the Caribbean region;
- (i) to take such action as may be expedient or necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) The Institute may enter into contracts with the Government or industrial or commercial enterprises for the undertaking for payment of any objects to which this section refers.

Power to make Rules.

7. The Institute may make Rules for the good government of the Institute and for the proper discharge of its duties, powers and functions under this Act.

Powers of the Institute.

8. The Institute shall have power—

- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, demise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) to accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) subject to any restraints, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it shall have acquired title thereto, to sell, demise, grant, convey, reconvey, surrender, exchange or otherwise dispose of and deal with all or any property which is now or may from time to time be vested in or has been acquired by it.

9. The funds of the Institute shall consist of—

- (a) contributions allocated, in accordance with an Agreement made on 6th May 1963 between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the United Nations Development Programme (Special Fund) out of the Special Fund;
- (b) such other moneys as may from time to time be voted by Parliament for the purposes of this Act; and
- (c) such other moneys as may be lawfully paid to the Institute.

Funds and resources of the Institute.

10. (1) The Caribbean Industrial Research Institute shall be managed by a Board of Directors which shall comprise—

- (a) a representative of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago nominated by the Minister who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) a representative appointed by the President;
- (c) a representative of the Ministry responsible for trade;
- (d) three representatives of industrial and commercial organisations;
- (e) four representatives of the University of the West Indies;
- (f) a representative of the University of Trinidad and Tobago;
- (g) a representative of the National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology; and
- (h) the Director of the Institute who shall not have any voting rights.

Board of Management. [33 of 1981 10 of 2020].

(2) The Board shall be appointed by the President.

(3) The members of the Board may—

- (a) hold office for the period of three years from the date of their appointment; and

(b) be eligible for reappointment on expiry of their term of office.

Powers and functions of the Board. [33 of 1981].

11. The Board shall manage the affairs of the Institute and may take such initiatives as are likely to help in achieving the objects of the Institute.

Audit. [33 of 1981].

12. The accounts of the Institute shall be audited annually by auditors appointed by the Board.

Privileges and immunities. Schedule. [33 of 1981].

13. The privileges and immunities set out in the Schedule shall apply to the Executing Agency and such personnel (other than citizens of Trinidad and Tobago) as the President may, by Order, declare.

Section 13.

SCHEDULE

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Executing Agency's contractors and their personnel, except citizens and residents (within the meaning of the Immigration Act) of Trinidad and Tobago employed locally shall have the right to the following:

- (a) immunity from legal process in respect of all acts performed by them in their official capacity in the execution of the project;
- (b) immunity from national service obligations;
- (c) immunity from immigration restrictions;
- (d) the privilege of bringing into the country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for the purposes of the project or for personal use of such personnel, and of withdrawing any such amounts brought into the country, or, in accordance with the relevant foreign exchange regulations, such amounts as may be earned therein by such personnel in the execution of the project; and
- (e) the same repatriation facilities in the event of international crises as diplomatic envoys.

2. All personnel of the Executing Agency's contractors shall enjoy inviolability for all papers and documents relating to the Project.

3. The Government shall either exempt from, or bear the cost of, any taxes, duties, fees or levies which it may impose on any foreign firm or organisation which may be retained by the Executing Agency and on the foreign personnel of any such firm or organisation in respect of—

- (a) the salaries or wages earned by such personnel in the execution of the project;
- (b) any equipment, materials and supplies brought into the country for the purposes of the project or which, after having been brought into the country, may be subsequently withdrawn therefrom; and
- (c) as in the case of concessions currently granted to the United Nations experts, any property brought, including one privately owned automobile per employee, by the firm or organisation or its personnel for their personal use or consumption or which, after having been brought into the country, may subsequently be withdrawn therefrom upon departure of such personnel.

4. The privileges and immunities to which such firm or organisation and its personnel may be entitled, referred to in paragraphs 3.08, 3.09, 3.10 of the Plan of Operation agreed to by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation may be waived by the Executing Agency where, in its opinion or in the opinion of the Special Fund, the immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the successful completion of the project or to the interest of the Special Fund of the Executing Agency.

5. The Executing Agency shall provide the Government with the list of personnel to whom the privileges and immunities enumerated above shall apply.

6. Privileges and immunities of Executing Agency and Special Fund personnel are covered by the Agreement referred to in the preamble to the said Plan of Operation.
