

THE CARIBBEAN METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANISATION ACTAct  
41 of 1979.

[1st February, 1980.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Caribbean Meteorological Organisation Act. Short title.

2—(1) In this Act—

“Agreement” means the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Meteorological Organisation, the original of which is deposited with the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Caribbean Regional Secretariat and of which the text of the Articles is set out in the Schedule;

Interpre-  
tation.

Schedule.

“Organisation” means the Caribbean Meteorological Organisation established by the Agreement.

(2) The reference in Article 24 of the Agreement to the effect that the Organisation shall possess full juridical personality shall be construed as meaning the Organisation as a body corporate.

3. All sums required to be paid by the Government for the purpose of meeting the obligations of Jamaica under the Agreement are hereby charged to the Consolidated Fund.

Financial  
provisions.

4. Articles 24 and 33 of the Agreement shall have the force of law in Jamaica.

Certain  
provisions  
of the  
Agreement  
to have  
the force  
of law.  
Question  
as to  
entitlement  
to privileges  
and  
immunities.

5. If in any proceedings any question arises whether or not, in accordance with the provision of Article 24(3) of the Agreement, the Organisation or any person ought to

be afforded any privileges or immunities, a certificate issued by or under the authority of the Minister and stating that such person ought or ought not to be afforded such privileges or immunities, as the case may be, shall be conclusive of the matters so stated.

Power of  
Minister to  
make  
orders.

6. The Minister may, by order, make such provisions as he may consider necessary or expedient for giving effect to any provision of the Agreement.

Amendment  
of Schedule.  
  
Schedule.

7.—(1) Where any amendment to the Agreement is accepted by the Government, the Minister may, by order, amend the Schedule by including therein the amendment so accepted.

(2) Any order made under this section may contain such consequential, supplemental or ancillary provisions as appear to the Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving due effect to the amendment accepted as aforesaid and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may contain provisions amending references in this Act to specific provisions of the Agreement.

(3) Every order made under this section shall be subject to negative resolution of the House of Representatives.

(4) Where the Schedule is amended pursuant to this section, any reference in this Act or any other instrument to the Agreement shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the Agreement as so amended.

## SCHEDULE (Sections 2 and 7)

AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN  
METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION*The Governments of the Contracting States*

Recognising the need for the establishment of an efficient meteorological service in the Region;

Conscious of the fact that such a service can contribute to the economic development of the Region;

Mindful that the Common Services Conference convened in Trinidad and Tobago in July, 1962 decided that the proposed arrangement in respect of the future of meteorological services in the Region should be embodied in a formal agreement;

Noting that in pursuance of the foregoing a formal agreement was entered into by the parties and is now in force;

Desiring that regional co-operation in matters of meteorological and allied sciences should be continued and expanded:

*Have Agreed as Follows:—*

## ARTICLE 1

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION

The Caribbean Meteorological Organisation (hereinafter referred to as "the Organisation") is hereby established, with the membership, powers and functions hereinafter stipulated.

## ARTICLE 2

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Organisation shall be open to—

- (a) (i) Antigua
- (ii) Bahamas
- (iii) Barbados
- (iv) Belize
- (v) British Virgin Islands
- (vi) Cayman Islands
- (vii) Dominica
- (viii) Grenada
- (ix) Guyana
- (x) Jamaica
- (xi) Montserrat
- (xii) St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla
- (xiii) St. Lucia
- (xiv) St. Vincent
- (xv) Trinidad and Tobago
- (xvi) Turks and Caicos Islands;

- (b) any other State of the Region able and willing to exercise the rights and assume the obligations of membership and which is admitted as a member in accordance with Article 29.

### ARTICLE 3

#### OBJECTIVES

The Organisation shall have as its objectives the promotion and co-ordination of regional activities in the fields of meteorology and allied science.

### ARTICLE 4

#### FUNCTIONS

For the purpose of attaining the objectives set out in Article 3 the functions of the Organisation shall include—

- (a) meteorological services to civil aviation;
- (b) co-operation with other services to provide an efficient hurricane warning system;
- (c) provision of meteorological information and advice to Member States;
- (d) collection and analysis of all relevant meteorological data available and publication of results;
- (e) co-operation with meteorological services;
- (f) participation in the work of the appropriate international organisations particularly the World Meteorological Organisation and the International Civil Aviation Organisation;
- (g) the execution of basic scientific observations in keeping with its objectives;
- (h) participation in work in applied meteorology, agricultural meteorology, hydrology and associated research of direct interest to the Region;
- (i) co-operation with all relevant scientific institutions.

### ARTICLE 5

#### GENERAL UNDERTAKING AS TO IMPLEMENTATION

Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the carrying out of obligations arising under this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 6

#### THE ORGANS

The organs of the Organisation shall include—

- (a) the Caribbean Meteorological Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council");
- (b) the Caribbean Meteorological Institute (hereinafter referred to as "the Institute");

- (c) the Caribbean Meteorological Foundation (hereinafter referred to as "the Foundation");
- (d) the Headquarters Unit.

## ARTICLE 7

### ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Council is hereby established as the supreme organ of the Organisation.
2. Each Member State shall be entitled to be represented on the Council by one person designated by such State.
3. Each Member State may, as appropriate, designate an alternate to represent the State at any meeting of the Council.

## ARTICLE 8

### PROCEDURE

1. The Council shall meet at least once in each calendar year and at such other times as it may consider necessary or on a request submitted to the Secretariat of the Organisation by not less than one-third of the Member States.
2. The Chairman of the Council shall be elected by the Council at the beginning of each meeting from among the Council members.
3. Where the representative of a Member State is elected Chairman, that Member State shall be entitled to appoint another representative in his place.
4. The Chairman shall not have a vote, but where no representative has been appointed in accordance with paragraph (3) of this Article, the Chairman may in his capacity as a representative exercise his vote. If on any question to be decided by the Council the votes are equally divided, then the motion shall be considered to be lost.
5. A quorum of the Council shall consist of not less than three-fifths of the members.
6. Where at any meeting of the Council a difference of opinion exists on any matter arising for decision, the decision of the majority of the representatives present shall be the decision of the Council:  
Provided that such a majority decision shall not commit any Member State to expenditure except with the agreement of such State:  
Provided also that such a majority decision shall not preclude any number of Member States from agreeing to execute and thereupon executing any projects in meteorology and allied sciences:  
Provided also that such a majority decision shall not be put into effect without approval of a majority of the representatives of all Member States.