**Defence Science and Technology Agency Bill** 

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#### **Defence Science and Technology Agency Bill**

#### Bill No. 1/2000

Read the first time on 17th January 2000.

An Act to establish the Defence Science and Technology Agency, to provide for its functions and powers, and for matters connected therewith, and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

#### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

#### Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Defence Science and Technology Agency Act 2000 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### Interpretation

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires
  - "Agency" means the Defence Science and Technology Agency established under section 3;
  - "appointed day" means the date of commencement of this Act;
  - "board" means the board of directors of the Agency;
  - "Chairman" means the Chairman of the board and includes any temporary Chairman of the board;
  - "Chief Executive" means the Chief Executive of the Agency appointed under section 10 and includes any person acting in that capacity;

"director" means a director of the board;

- "incorporated Departments" means the following departments of the Ministry of Defence:
  - (a) Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems Organisation;
  - (b) Defence Materiel Organisation;
  - (c) Defence Medical Research Institute;
  - (*d*) Defence Procurement Division;

- (e) Directorate of Research and Development;
- (f) Lands and Estates Organisation;
- (g) Resource Planning Office; and
- (*h*) Systems and Computer Organisation;

"Singapore Armed Forces" means the Singapore Armed Forces constituted under the Singapore Armed Forces Act (Cap. 295).

# PART II

## ESTABLISHMENT, INCORPORATION AND CONSTITUTION OF AGENCY

## Establishment and incorporation of Agency

**3.** There is hereby established a body to be known as the Defence Science and Technology Agency which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, by that name, be capable of —

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding and developing or disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and
- (c) doing and suffering all such other acts or things as a body corporate may lawfully do or suffer.

## **Common seal**

**4.**—(1) All deeds and other documents requiring the seal of the Agency shall be sealed with the common seal of the Agency and such instruments to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by any 2 directors generally or specially authorised by the Agency for the purpose or by one director and the Chief Executive.

(2) All courts, judges and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the common seal of the Agency affixed to any document and shall presume that it was duly affixed.

## **Board of directors of Agency**

**5.**—(1) There shall be a board of directors of the Agency which shall be responsible for the policy and general administration of the affairs and business of the Agency.

(2) The board shall consist of —