

**Defence Science and Technology Agency Act
(CHAPTER 75A)**

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**DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY ACT
(CHAPTER 75A)**

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An Act to establish the Defence Science and Technology Agency, to provide for its functions and powers, and for matters connected therewith.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Defence Science and Technology Agency Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Agency” means the Defence Science and Technology Agency established under section 3;

“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 —

- (a) a Chairman; and
- (b) not less than 8 and not more than 20 other directors as the Minister may from time to time determine.

(3) The First Schedule shall have effect with respect to the board, its directors and its proceedings.

PART III

MISSION, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF AGENCY

Mission and functions of Agency

6.—(1) The Agency shall harness and exploit science and technology, and provide technological and engineering support, to meet the defence and national security needs of