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GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT No. 7 of 2019

Date of Assent: 12th August, 2019

An Act to provide for the protection of the public against health hazards and fraud in the manufacture, sale and use of food; provide for a streamlined process for regulatory clearances for regulatory health requirements for food premises; establish the Food Safety Coordinating Committee and provide for its functions and powers; provide for health inspection reports and report notices; establish the National Food Laboratory; repeal the Food and Drugs Act, 1972 and sections 79 and 83 of the Public Health Act, 1930; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

[12th August, 2019

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Food Safety Act, 2019, and shall come into operation on the date appointed by the Minister by statutory instrument.

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - "adulteration" means the intentional addition or subtraction of a substance to or from an article that is likely to adversely affect its quality;
 - " advertisement " includes a representation, by any means, for the purpose of promoting, directly or indirectly, the sale or disposal of any food or device;

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