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GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 2 of 2017

Date of Assent: 12th April, 2017

An Act to establish the Agricultural Institute of Zambia; provide for the registration of agricultural professionals and regulate their professional conduct in the interest of the agricultural sector; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

[13th April, 2017

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Agricultural Institute of Zambia Act, 2017, and shall come into operation on the date determined by the Minister by statutory instrument.

Short title
and
commencement

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

Interpretation

“ agricultural by-product ” means a material arising from processing an agricultural product and is not meant for direct human consumption;

“ agricultural facility ” means an educational institution, research station, laboratory or a related facility providing services in a field of agriculture;

“ agricultural product ” means a material arising from the cultivation of plants and fungi for food, fibre, bio-fuel and medicinal plants and production of animals, and includes a product used to sustain and enhance human life;

“ agricultural professional ” means a scientist, technician or craftsperson in the science of agriculture, but excludes a veterinary professional or para-veterinary professional;

“ agriculture ” means the practice, science and application of scientific and technological principles in animal and plant production;

“ allied discipline ” means a discipline determined as such by the Council;

- Act No. 27 of 2010 “ animal ” has the meaning assigned to it in the Animal Health Act, 2010;
- Act No. 3 of 2012 “ associate ” has the meaning assigned to it in the Anti-Corruption Act, 2012;
- “ Board ” means the Agricultural Registration Board established under section 13;
- “ certificate of registration ” means the certificate of registration issued under section 19;
- “ code of ethics ” means the code of professional conduct adopted and published by the Institute for the purposes of this Act;
- “ constitution ” means the constitution of the Institute;
- “ Council ” means the Agricultural Council of the Institute constituted under section 8;
- “ Deputy Registrar ” means a person appointed as Deputy Registrar under section 11;
- “ Disciplinary Committee ” means the Disciplinary Committee constituted under section 43;
- “ Fellow ” means a person registered as such under this Act;
- “ Institute ” means the Agricultural Institute of Zambia established under section 3;
- “ institution ” means an industry dealing with, or organisation providing a service in, agricultural products or by-products;
- “ Member ” means a person registered as a member of the Institute in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and “ membership ” shall be construed accordingly;
- “ plant ” means a crop, algae, fungi, seed and any related material produced as a food crop, cash crop, fibre or flower or produced for an aesthetic purpose or genetic conservation;
- “ practice ” means the practice as a professional in an agricultural field and provision of a service to a third party for remuneration and “ practising ” shall be construed accordingly;
- “ practising certificate ” means a certificate issued under section 25;

- “President ” means the person elected President of the Council pursuant to section 8;
- “professional misconduct ” has the meaning assigned to it in section 41;
- “Register ” means the Register of certificates of registration and practising certificates established under section 36;
- “Registrar” means a person appointed as Registrar under section 10;
- “relative ” has the meaning assigned to it in the Anti-Corruption Act, 2012; Act No. 3 of 2012
- “student ” means a person who is enrolled at a higher education institution recognised by the Institute and undergoing training in the agricultural profession or allied discipline; and
- “Vice-President ” means the person elected Vice- President of the Council pursuant to *Section 8*.

PART II

THE AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OF ZAMBIA

- 3.** (1) There is established the Agricultural Institute of Zambia which is body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, capable of suing and being sued in its corporate name and with power subject to the provisions of this Act, to do all such acts and things as a body corporate may, by law, do or perform. Establishment of Agricultural Institute of Zambia
- (2) The provisions of the Schedule apply to the Institute.
- 4.** (1) The seal of the Institute shall be such device as may be determined by the Council and shall be kept by the Registrar. Seal of Institute
- (2) The affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by the President or Vice-President and the Registrar or any other person authorised in that behalf by a resolution of the Council.
- (3) A contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be entered into or executed without seal on behalf of the Institute by the Registrar or any other person generally or specifically authorised by the Council in that behalf.
- (4) A document purporting to be a document under the seal of the Institute or issued on behalf of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall be deemed to be so executed or issued, as the case may be, without further proof, unless the contrary is proved.
- 5.** The functions of the Institute are to— Functions of Institute
- (a) register agricultural professionals and regulate their professional conduct;
- (b) promote the agricultural profession in Zambia;