

## **THE FOOD AND NUTRITION BILL, 2020**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

The objects of this Bill are to—

- (a) provide for the implementation of a national food and nutrition programme;
- (b) provide for the continued existence of the National Food and Nutrition Commission and re-define its functions;
- (c) re-constitute the Board of the Commission and re-define its functions;
- (d) establish the Food and Nutrition Coordinating Committee and provide for its functions;
- (e) repeal and replace the National Food and Nutrition Commission Act, 1967; and
- (f) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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# A BILL

## ENTITLED

An Act to provide for the implementation of a national food and nutrition programme; continue the existence of the National Food and Nutrition Commission and re-define its functions; establish the Board of the Commission and define its functions; re-constitute the Board of the Commission and re-define its functions; establish the Food and Nutrition Coordinating Committee and provide for its functions; repeal and replace the National Food and Nutrition Commission Act, 1967; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Food and Nutrition Act, 2020,  
5 and shall come into operation on the date appointed by the Minister  
by statutory instrument. Short title  
and  
commencement
2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation
- “authorised officer” means an employee of the Commission  
or any other officer authorised in writing to enforce this  
10 Act;
- “Board” means the Board of the Commission constituted  
under section 6;

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	“Chairperson” means the person appointed as Chairperson of the Board under section 6;	
	“Commission” means the National Food and Nutrition Commission continued under section 3;	
	“Coordinating Committee” means the Food and Nutrition Coordinating Committee constituted under section 30;	5
Cap. 1	“Emoluments Commission” means the Emolument Commission established under the Constitution;	
	“Executive Director” means the person appointed as Executive Director under section 9;	10
Act No. 7 of 2019	“food” has the meaning assigned to the word in the Food Safety Act, 2019;	
	“food supplement” means a product, other than tobacco, intended to supplement the diet, and includes the following characteristics:	15
	(a) contains concentrated source of one or more of the following:	
	(i) vitamins;	
	(ii) minerals;	
	(iii) amino acids;	20
	(iv) essential oils;	
	(v) natural substances of plant or animal origin;	
	(vi) enzymes; or	
	(vii) substances with nutritional or physiological function or contains a combination of any of these;	25
	(b) is intended to be taken orally in the form of tablet, capsule, powder, softgel, gelcap, granules or liquid;	
	(c) is not represented for use as a conventional food or as a sole item of a meal or the diet; and	30
	(d) is labelled as a food supplement;	
Act No. 24 of 2009	“Health Professions Council of Zambia” means the Health Professions Council of Zambia established under the Health Professions Act, 2009;	
Act No. 4 of 2013	“higher education institution” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Higher Education Act, 2013;	35
	“institution” means a public or private organisation, establishment, foundation or society involved in the promotion of public, educational or charitable programmes;	