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**SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
(INCORPORATION)**

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to incorporate the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture

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Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (Incorporation)

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS an Institute called and known as the “Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture” has heretofore been formed at Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte in Colombo, Sri Lanka for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said Institute according to the rules agreed to by its members:

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said Institute has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was formed and has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant such application:

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2017.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the “Institute”) or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be and become a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”), with perpetual succession, under the name and style of the “Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture” and by that name may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation of the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture.

3. The general objects for which the Corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be—

General objects of the Corporation.

(a) to promote and advance the science of agriculture and its applications in Sri Lanka;

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- 5 (b) to advise the government and give counsels to public corporations local bodies and other institutions on all matters connected with agriculture to the progress and development of the country;
- 10 (c) to promote the acquisition, dissemination and interchange of agriculture knowledge by—
- (i) providing a forum for the presentation of original communications and discussions thereon;
- (ii) establishing and maintaining data repositories;
- (iii) publishing matters of interest to the profession of agriculture;
- 15 (iv) any other means deem appropriate to attain the objects of the *Institute*;
- (d) to promote education in agriculture at all levels;
- (e) to promote, encourage and foster original research in agriculture;
- 20 (f) to assess eligibility of candidates for admission to the various grades of membership;
- (g) to conduct or provide for the conduct of the qualifying examinations for all grades of membership of the *Institute* and to promote, provide and approve, courses of study for such examinations;
- 25 (h) to conduct or provide for the conduct of examinations for the award of diplomas, certificates, and other distinctions, in such branches of

agriculture, as the Institute may from time to time deem necessary and to prescribe, approve or provide courses of study for such examinations;

- 5 (i) to ensure the maintenance of high standards in the professional activities and the general conduct of its members;
- (j) to recognize and reward the special talents and contributions made by the citizens of Sri Lanka to the development of agriculture of the country;
- 10 (k) to establish liaison with other scientific and professional organizations;
- (l) to establish and enhance the status of the profession of agriculture in Sri Lanka; and
- 15 (m) to take any other measures that may be necessary for the attainment of all or any of the objectives of the Institute.

4. (a) Governing Council of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee of the Institute holding office on the day immediately
20 preceding the date of commencement of this Act. This Governing Council shall prevail till the first Annual General Meeting of the Institute of which the new Governing Council will be elected, provided that the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held within
25 ninety (90) days from the date of the commencement of this Act.

Governing
Council of
the
Corporation.

(b) The election for Governing Council shall be concurrently held with the Annual General Meeting.

5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall be
30 administered by a Council of Management consisting of the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice Chairman,

Management
of the affairs
of the
Corporation.

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the Assistant Secretary and the President of the Advisory Council as may be elected in accordance with the rules of the Corporation in force for the time being and the term of office of such Council of Management shall be one year.

5 (2) The first Board of Management of the Corporation
shall be the Board of Management of the Institute holding
office on the day preceding the date of commencement
of this Act, and shall hold office until the Board of
Management is elected or nominated in accordance with
10 the rules in force for the time being.

6. (1) The members of the Corporation shall consist of ordinary members, associate members and corporate members. Membership of the Corporation.

(2) The Board of Management may, however, admit as
15 members, of such classes and with such privileges and
obligations as it may prescribe, persons not eligible as ordinary
members or associate members, to corporate membership.

(3) A separate Register of associate members and corporate members shall be maintained and they shall enjoy the same privileges as ordinary members but shall not however be eligible to vote at meetings of the Corporation.

25 7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting of the members and by votes of the least two-thirds of the members present and voting, to make rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or any other written law, for the admission, resignation or expulsion of members, and generally, for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the attainment of its objects.

30 (2) Any rule made by the Corporation may be altered, added to, amended or rescinded in like manner as a rule made under subsection (1).

(3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the of the Corporation.

8. All debts and liabilities of the Institute existing on the day proceeding the date of commencement of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Institute on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for purposes of this Act.

Debts due by and payable to the Institute.

9. Subject to the provision of this Act, the Corporations shall be able and capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, with power to construct any building, sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

Corporation may hold property movable and immovable.

10. (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and all money received by way of gifts, testamentary dispositions, transfers, donations, subscriptions, fees or grants shall be deposited in the name of the Corporation in one or more banks as may be decided by the Corporation.

Funds of the Corporation.

(2) The Corporation may establish a depreciation fund or a sinking fund for the purpose of rehabilitation, development or improvement of the property of the Corporation.

(3) All expenses incurred by the Corporation in the exercise and discharge of the powers and functions of the Corporation shall be paid out of the fund of the Corporation.

11. (1) The financial year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

Accounts and Audit.

(2) The Corporation shall cause proper accounts to be kept of its income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of the Corporation.

(3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by a qualified auditor who shall be appointed by the Board of Management.

12. (1) After seconded by the General Meeting an office bearer or a member of a Council may be removed from his post.

Removal of office bearers.

(2) By majority decisions of the Board of Management ,
5 the office of any office bearer may be suspended temporarily. Thereafter, it should be submitted to the next General Meeting for approval.

13. If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities,
10 any property whatsoever, such property shall be given or transferred objects similar to those of the Corporation, and which is, or are, by its rules prohibited from distributing an income or property among its members, be given to other social service institutions with the approval of the Council.
15 It would only be done by giving two weeks prior notice for members by calling them for a General Meeting by sending letters through registered post.

Property remaining on dissolution.

14. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of a
20 member and the Secretary or such other person duly authorized by the Board of Management who shall sign their names on the instrument in taken of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

Seal of the Corporation.

15. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or corporate or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under the them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

16. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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