THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 1983

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1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Prices and Consumer Advisory Committee Act 1983.

2. Interpretation.

In this Act-

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Committee;

"Committee" means the Advisory Committee on Prices and Consumer Protection established under section 3;

"member" means a member of the Committee and includes the Chairman;

"Minister" means the Minister to whom the responsibility for the subject of prices and consumer protection is assigned.

3. Establishment of the Committee.

There is established for the purposes of this Act an Advisory Committee on Prices and Consumer Protection.

4. Duties of the Committee.

The Committee shall-

(a) advise the Minister on-

(i) any matter relating to the price and supply of consumer goods and services which the, Minister may refer to it"

(ii) the formulation and implementation of policies relating to consumer protection,,

(b) ensure the cooperation and participation of consumers in matters which affect their interest.

5. Composition of the Committee.

(1) The Committee shall consist of-

(a) a Chairman;

(b) a representative of the Ministry of Trade and Shipping;

(c) a representative of the Ministry of Finance;

(d) a representative of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development;

(e) a representative ok the Ministry of Health;

(f) a representative of the Ministry for Women's Rights and Family Affairs;

(g) a representative of the Ministry of Industry and Co-operatives;

(h) 2 representatives of consumers' associations;

(i) 2 representatives of women's associations;

(j) 4 representatives of trade unions;

(k) 4 representatives of traders associations;

(l) 3 members of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The Chairman shall-

(a) have administrative experience;

(b) be well versed in consumer matters;

(c) not hold a public office;

(d) be appointed by the Minister;

(e) hold office for 3 years but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The members specified in subsection (1) (h) to (1) shall-

(a) be appointed by the Minister;

(b) hold office for one year but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) Every appointed member shall be paid such Allowances as may be determined by the Minister.

Amended by [Act No. 48 of 1991]

6. Meetings of the Committee.

(1) Unless otherwise decided by the Committee, a meeting of the Committee shall be held at least once every two months at such time and place as the Chairman may direct.

(2) Not withstanding subsection (1), the Chairman may at any time call a meeting of the Committee and shall call such a meeting within 15 days of receiving a request in that behalf addressed to him and signed by no fewer than 5 members.

(3) Twelve members shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The Committee may appoint such sub-committees as may be necessary to enable it to fulfil its functions.

(5) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the Committee shall regulate its meetings and proceedings and those of its sub-committees in such manner as it thinks fit.

7. Annual report.

The Committee shall every year submit to the Minister a report of its activities.