

CHAPTER 276

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CHAPTER 276

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

An Act to make provision for the dissolution of the National Science and Technology Development Agency and the transfer of its functions, staff, assets and liabilities to the Minister of Science and Technology and for purposes connected therewith. 1980 No. 1.

[24th January, 1980] Commence-
ment.

1. (1) The Minister may, with the approval of the President, by order published in the *Federal Gazette*, establish research institutes; and the provisions of the First Schedule to this Act shall apply in relation to any institute so established provided that the siting of such research institutes either reflects the national geographical spread or is confined to areas where local materials for the research are available. Power of Minister to establish research institutes.

(2) An order establishing a research institute under this Act may contain supplementary or incidental provisions, including provisions for—

- (a) the designation of the institute;
- (b) the matter or matters on which the institute is to conduct research, including training where appropriate;
- (c) the transfer to the institute of any existing Federal and, where a State Government so desires, any existing State research establishment;
- (d) the establishment, constitution and proceedings of a Governing Board to manage the affairs of the institute;
- (e) a suitable association or other form of relationship of the institute with any university or other institution of higher learning in Nigeria.

Dissolution
of Agency;
repeals and
savings;
transfer of
assets and
liabilities,
etc.
1977 No. 5.
1978 No. 19.

2. (1) The body known as the National Science and Technology Development Agency established by the National Science and Technology Development Agency Act 1977 is hereby dissolved and the said Act is hereby repealed and the National Science and Technology Development Agency (Amendment) Act 1978 is hereby consequentially repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the research institutes established or deemed to have been established under or pursuant to the said Act shall be deemed to have been established under this Act.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the transitional and savings provisions in the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect in relation to the employees, assets and liabilities of the dissolved Agency and the other matters therein mentioned.

Interpreta-
tion.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
“the dissolved Agency” means the National Science and Technology Development Agency dissolved by this Act;
“Minister” means the Minister charged with responsibility for Science and Technology.

4. This Act may be cited as the National Science and Technology Act. Short title.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 1(1)

ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES

1. Any research institute established under this Act shall have a Governing Board and shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name and it shall have power—

- (a) to prepare a programme of research within the field for which the institute is responsible, for such periods, not less than three years, as the Board, with the approval of the Minister, may determine, together with detailed estimates of the expenditure which will be required for carrying out the programme;
- (b) to review, and if necessary revise, each year the programme approved under sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph for the following year, together with the estimated budget for that year;
- (c) to carry out the programme of research approved by the Minister; and
- (d) to make suitable arrangements for the application of the results of the work of the institute by Federal and States' Ministries and their agencies to development activities.

2. The members of the Governing Board of each institute shall be appointed by the Minister with the approval of the President.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Act, each institute shall have power to take such decisions and to enter into such transactions which in its opinion ought to be undertaken in the proper discharge of its functions.

4. Each institute shall, in particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, have power to acquire and hold property and any interest in land.

5. The Board of each institute may appoint such number of standing and ad hoc committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Board is concerned.

6. There shall be a Director for each institute, appointed by the Minister on the advice of the Board of the institute concerned, who shall be a person with wide experience in the matters with which the relevant institute is concerned; and the Director shall—

- (a) be charged with the day-to-day management of the affairs of the institute in accordance with such instructions as may, from time to time, be given to him by the Board of the institute; and

(b) be appointed in accordance with the regulations and conditions of service approved by the Minister.

7. The Board of each institute may appoint such other employees as are deemed necessary for the proper discharge of the functions of the institute under this Act and pay such employees such remuneration and allowances as are payable to persons of equivalent grades in the civil service of the Federation.

8. The Board of each institute shall prepare and submit to the Minister an annual report on the activities of the institute.

Financial Provisions

9. Each institute shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the institute.

10. There shall be paid into the fund such sums as may be made available to the institute by the Government of the Federation and such other assets as may accrue to the institute from time to time.

11. The fund shall be managed in accordance with rules made by the Minister of Finance and Economic Development; and without prejudice to the generality of the power to make rules conferred by this section, the rules shall, in particular, include provisions—

- (a) specifying the manner in which the assets and the fund are to be held and regulating the making of payments to and from the fund;
- (b) requiring the keeping of proper accounts and records for the purpose of the fund in such form as may be specified by the rules;
- (c) for securing that the accounts are audited annually by an auditor approved by the Minister;
- (d) requiring copies of the accounts and of the audit report on them to be forwarded to the Minister not later than three months following the end of the period to which the accounts relate.

12. Each institute may borrow or lend money only with the approval of the Minister.

13. Each institute shall prepare and submit its programme and estimated budget and any annual revision for approval by the Minister.

SECOND SCHEDULE Section 2(3)

TRANSFER OF STAFF, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF DISSOLVED AGENCY

Disposition of Employees

1. Subject as hereinafter provided, any person who immediately before the appointed day held office under the dissolved Agency shall, on the appointed day, be deemed to have been transferred to the civil service of the Federation within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on terms and conditions as to emoluments as are not less favourable than those obtaining immediately before the appointed day. Cap. 62.

2. In pursuance of paragraph 1 of this Schedule, the Federal Civil Service Commission shall, not later than forty-five days after the appointed day, by notice in writing offer every person to which that paragraph relates, employment in the civil service of the Federation upon such terms and conditions as to emoluments as are not less favourable than those enjoyed by that person immediately before the appointed day.

3. (1) Any person to whom an offer of employment is made pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule and who fails within thirty days thereafter (or such other date as may be specified by the Federal Civil Service Commission) to give the Commission an acceptance in writing of the offer shall be deemed to have refused the offer.

(2) If a person refuses an offer of employment made to him pursuant to the said paragraph 1 (either as provided in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph or otherwise howsoever), the obligation imposed on the Commission to employ that person shall thereupon determine.

4. When a person accepts an offer of employment made pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Schedule, such a person shall be deemed to have been transferred to the civil service of the Federation with effect from the appointed day and his service under the dissolved Agency shall be deemed to be service in the civil service for pension purposes.

5. For the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, the terms and conditions as to emoluments comprised in any offer shall not be construed as being less favourable merely because they are not in all respects identical with or superior to the terms and conditions enjoyed by the person concerned immediately before the appointed day, if the first-mentioned terms and conditions taken as a whole offer substantially equivalent or greater benefits to the latter.

Assets and Liabilities

6. (1) By virtue of this Act, there shall be vested in the Government of the Federation on the appointed day, without further assurance but subject as hereinafter provided, all assets, funds, resources and other

movable or immovable property which immediately before the appointed day were vested in the dissolved Agency by the Act.

(2) As from the appointed day—

(a) the rights, interests, obligations and liabilities of the dissolved Agency existing immediately before the appointed day under any contract or instrument, or at law or in equity apart from any contract or instrument, shall by virtue of this Act be assigned to and vested in the Government of the Federation;

(b) any such contract or instrument as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph shall be of the same force and effect against or in favour of the Government of the Federation and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if instead of the dissolved Agency that Government had been named therein or had been a party thereto; and

(c) the Government of the Federation shall be subject to all the obligations and liabilities to which the dissolved Agency was subject immediately before the appointed day and all other persons shall, as from the appointed day, have the same rights, powers and remedies against that Government as they had against the dissolved Agency immediately before the appointed day.

(3) Any proceedings or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the appointed day by or against the dissolved Agency in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the dissolved Agency may be continued or, as the case may be, commenced and any determination of a court of law, tribunal or other authority or person may be enforced, by or against the Government of the Federation to the same extent that any such proceeding, cause of action or determination might have been continued, commenced or enforced by or against the dissolved Agency if this Act had not been made.

Supplementary

7. In this Schedule, "the appointed day" means the day of coming into force of this Act.

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

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RESEARCH INSTITUTES (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.)
ORDER

L.N. 54
of 1977.

ARRANGEMENT OF ORDERS

ORDER

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RESEARCH INSTITUTES (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.)
ORDER

L.N. 54
of 1977.

under section 1

Commencement: 29th September, 1977

1. (1) There are hereby established the Research Institutes (hereinafter referred to as "the Institutes") designated as follows—

Establishment of the Research Institutes.

- (a) the Federal Institute of Industrial Research;
- (b) the Projects Development Institute;
- (c) the National Institute for Medical Research;
- (d) the Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute;
- (e) the Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute; and
- (f) the National Technology Development Centre.

(2) The Institutes shall be research institutes for the purposes of the National Science and Technology Act.

2. The Federal Institute of Industrial Research shall conduct research in industrial materials and processes to pilot plant

Field of research of Institute of Industrial Research.

stages, including engineering design, development and fabrication, and shall in particular conduct research into—

- (a) nutritional quality of local foodstuffs and their suitability for industrial processing;
- (b) processing of local foodstuffs of economic value;
- (c) processing of vegetable oils of economic importance;
- (d) processing of local woods for pulp and paper making and other uses;
- (e) processing of textile materials and development of improved processes for the textile industry;
- (f) processing of ceramic materials and other solid based minerals for industrial use, including development of ceramic, glass and mineral technology;
- (g) mechanical engineering including engineering design, fabrication, machining and other processes;
- (h) economic evaluation of industrial research results to establish their viability in industrial projects;
- (i) technical, analytical and consultancy services for existing and planned industries; and
- (j) any other related matters as may be determined from time to time by the Minister.

Field of
research of
Projects
Development
Institute.

3. The Projects Development Institute shall carry out research in industrial materials and processes to pilot plant stages, including engineering design, development and fabrication, and shall in particular conduct research into—

- (a) materials science and technology, including metallurgy, foundry work, plastics and synthetic fibres;
- (b) processing of ceramic materials and other solid based minerals for industrial use, including development of ceramic, glass and mineral technology;
- (c) processing of local foodstuffs of economic value;
- (d) mechanical engineering including engineering design, fabrication, machining and other processes;
- (e) coal utilisation;
- (f) electrical and electronic elements particularly electrical generators, motors, transformers and switchgear;

- (g) science laboratory equipment development including apparatus for teaching of the physical sciences and engineering;
- (h) economic evaluation of research results to establish their viability in industrial projects;
- (i) technical, analytical and consultancy service for existing and planned industries; and
- (j) any other related matters as may be determined from time to time by the Minister.

4. The National Institute for Medical Research shall conduct research into the health problems of the country generally and shall in particular, conduct research into—

Field of
research of
National In-
stitute of
Medical
Research.

- (a) parasitic and infective diseases prevalent in the country;
- (b) major non-infective diseases prevalent in the country, such as sickle cell disease;
- (c) basic, applied and operational research for the control of diseases endemic in the country in co-operation with the Federal and States' Ministries of Health;
- (d) provision of facilities for the training research scientists in medicine in co-operation with medical schools and universities in Nigeria as well as collaboration with the Federal and States' Ministries of Health and other medical research units in the country;
- (e) dissemination of the results of medical research of the Federal and States' Ministries of Health; and
- (f) any other related matters as may be determined from time to time by the Minister.

5. The Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute shall carry out research into bulk storage problems of export commodities and local food crops, and in particular it shall conduct research into—

Field of
research of
Nigerian
Stored
Products
Research
Institute.

- (a) improvement and maintenance of the quality of bulk export commodity crops including cocoa, groundnuts, palm produce (kernel and oil);
- (b) improvement and maintenance of the quality of local food crops including cereals, grains, pulses, tubers and any other local commodity under bulk storage;

- (c) special studies such as stored products pests, pesticide formulations and residues, and mycotoxin surveys;
- (d) provision of advice and training of extension workers in problems associated with stored products and materials used in storage and pest control including storage structures, new insecticides, new items of equipment and new techniques; and
- (e) any other related matters as may be determined from time to time by the Minister.

Field of
research of
Nigerian
Building and
Road
Research
Institute.

6. The Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute shall conduct research generally on building, road and allied construction materials and methods, socio-economics of construction and environmental factors that affect road and building performance in the country and in particular—

- (a) local building and road construction materials to determine the most effective and economic methods of their utilisation;
- (b) architectural design of buildings to suit Nigerian climatic conditions with respect to lighting, ventilation, thermal comfort and humidity;
- (c) the design and performance of functional units in buildings including electrical installations, plumbing, painting, drainage, ventilation and air-conditioning systems;
- (d) foundation and earth works for building bridges especially on problem soils;
- (e) local construction and building operations and methods to increase their effectiveness;
- (f) the economic and social aspects of the building and construction industry;
- (g) the design and construction of roads best suited to the Nigerian environment;
- (h) road safety including the occurrence of accidents and methods of reducing the number of accidents;
- (i) the economic and social aspects of road and transportation schemes, accident and safety measures;

- (j) structural designs of buildings and bridges and the development of design criteria, specifications and codes of practice;
- (k) provision of consulting services and professional, technical and scientific data relating to buildings, roads and transport to the building and road construction industry as well as Federal and State Government Ministries responsible for buildings, roads and allied construction activities; and
- (l) any other related matters as may be determined from time to time by the Minister.

7. The National Technology Development Centre shall serve as a task force centre for the development and adaption of technologies on long and short term bases, and as a focal point for the transfer of technology to the nation and for this purpose it shall undertake research and development work, in the undermentioned fields including design and fabrication of specified technologies as may be determined from time to time by the Minister, that is to say—

Field of
research of
National
Technology
Development
Centre.

- (a) physical electronics and solid state physics, solid state devices, electronic instrumentation and control, communication systems, audio-engineering, vacuum tubes, design and manufacture to pilot stages of these appliances;
- (b) applied mechanical engineering research and development including design and fabrication of prototypes of selected equipments, automobiles and engines;
- (c) petroleum and petrochemical research including pilot plant design, processes and production techniques of petrochemicals;
- (d) solar energy research for food preservation, drying of agricultural produce, refrigeration, power generation, air-conditioning including other physical and technological problems connected with solar energy conversion;
- (e) development of basic standards of mass, length, time and temperature as well as derived physical standards for electricity, electronics and optics;

- (f) provisions of technical consultancy services for adaption and selection of technologies as well as on engineering design of processes and products to existing and planned industries particularly cottage industries; and
- (g) any other matters as may be determined from time to time by the Minister.

Vesting of
assets, etc.

8. On the coming into effect of this Order, all assets, properties and rights hereinbefore vested in and exercised by the specified Federal or State research agencies, institutes or departments shall without further assurance apart from this Order, vest in the respective research institutes specified hereinunder, being institutes established under this Order, that is to say—

- (a) in the case of the Federal Institute of Industrial Research formerly of the Federal Ministry of Industries, the assets, properties and rights shall vest in Federal Institute of Industrial Research, and in the case of the Industrial Research Council of Nigeria, the assets, properties and rights thereof vested in the National Science and Technology Development Agency by virtue of the Act are hereby transferred to and shall vest in the Federal Institute of Industrial Research;
- (b) in the case of the Projects Development Agency of the former East Central State, the assets, properties and rights shall vest in the Projects Development Institute;
- (c) in the case of the Medical Research Council of Nigeria, the assets, properties and rights thereof vested in the National Science and Technology Development Agency by virtue of the Act are hereby transferred to and shall vest in the National Institute for Medical Research;
- (d) in the case of the Nigerian Stored, Products Research Institute formerly of the Federal Ministry of Trade, the assets, properties and rights shall vest in the Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute;
- (e) in the case of the National Road Construction and Research Institute of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, the assets, properties and rights shall vest in the Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute.

9. (1) Subject to the provisions of the National Science and Technology Act, the affairs of each Institute shall be managed by a Board (in this Order referred to as "the Board").

Constitution,
etc. of the
governing
Board of
each
Institute.
Cap. 276,

(2) Each Board shall consist of—

(a) six persons (of whom not more than two shall be representatives of appropriate Federal Ministries) who shall be persons with wide knowledge and experience in the field of research of the Institute and who shall be appointed by the National Council of Ministers;

(b) one representative of Science and Technology; and

(c) the Director of the Institute concerned, who shall be an *ex-officio* member but without the right to vote.

(3) There shall be a Chairman of the Board of each Institute who shall be appointed by the Minister with the approval of the National Council of Ministers and designated as such from among the members of the Board.

(4) The Chairman and any member of the Board (not being an *ex-officio* member) shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of their appointment and may be eligible for appointment for one further term of three years.

(5) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, the Minister may appoint any person to act as temporary Chairman or member of the Board of any Institute during the absence or temporary incapacity by illness or other cause of the Chairman or such member and a person so appointed shall, while the appointment subsists, have the same powers as are exercisable by the Chairman or the member.

(6) The Chairman or any member of the Board (not being an *ex-officio* member) may resign his appointment by a letter addressed to the Minister and if accepted, the resignation shall take effect from the date the Minister received the letter of resignation.

10. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9 (2) of this Order, where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any matter, the Board may co-opt that person as a member of the Board for such period as it may deem

Co-opted
members.

necessary, so however that such a co-opted member shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

Proceedings
of the
Board.

11. (1) The Board of each Institute may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Board or any committee thereof.

(2) The quorum of the Board shall be four and the quorum of any of its committees shall be determined by the Board.

(3) The validity of any proceedings of the Board or any of its committees shall not be affected—

(a) by any vacancy in the membership; or

(b) by any defect in the appointment of a member; or

(c) by reason of the presence or participation in the proceedings of the Board or any of its committees by a person who is not a member thereof.

Special
disclosure by
a member.

12. Any member of the Board of any Institute or any committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement being entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or any committee thereof shall forthwith declare and disclose his interest in such contract or arrangement to the Board and shall be disqualified to vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement.

Board
meetings.

13. The Board of each Institute shall meet not less than twice in each year and the Board may meet on such other occasions as the Board may deem necessary.

Association
of Institutes
with univer-
sities, etc.

14. The Board of an Institute may with the approval of the Minister enter into association agreement with the competent authorities of any university or other institution of higher learning in Nigeria for the purposes of promoting or furthering mutual co-operation in transferring scientific and technological expertise to the Institute.

Short title.

15. This Order may be cited as the Research Institutes (Establishment, etc.) Order.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORDER S.I. 13
of 1987.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Establishment of the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development, etc.
2. Constitution, etc. of the Governing Board of the Institute.
3. Functions of the Institute.
4. Association of the Institute with universities.
5. Interpretation.
6. Short title.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORDER S.I. 13
of 1987.

under section 1

Commencement: 25th May, 1987

1. (1) There is hereby established an Institute to be known as the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development (hereafter in this Order referred to as "the Institute").

Establishment of the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development, etc.

(2) The objects of the Institute shall be—

(a) to identify and conduct basic and applied scientific research into Nigeria's potential natural resources for drugs and pharmaceutical raw materials;

(b) to evaluate and develop methods, quality standards and specifications for the production and use of locally produced drug substances and pharmaceutical raw materials;

(c) to act as a Drug Information Centre and as a National Centre for Drugs and Pharmaceutical Substances Reference Standard; and

(d) to liaise with related research establishments, the petrochemical industry, government agencies, universities, traditional healers and allied institutions, for the achievement of the objects set out in this Order.

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of the National Science and Technology Act, the affairs of the Institute shall be managed

Constitution, etc. of the Governing Board of the Institute.

by a governing Board (hereafter in this Order referred to as "the Board") which shall consist of—

- (a) a Chairman and six other persons all of whom shall have wide knowledge and experience in the field of research of the Institute;
- (b) one person to represent the Ministry of Science and Technology;
- (c) one person to represent the Ministry of Health;
- (d) one person to represent practitioners of traditional medicine;
- (e) one person to represent the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria;
- (f) one person to represent the pharmaceutical industry; and
- (g) the Director of the Institute who shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board.

(2) The Chairman and members of the Board shall, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, be appointed by the Minister with the approval of the President.

(3) The Chairman and members of the Board, other than *ex-officio* members, shall be paid such remuneration and allowance as may be determined from time to time by the Minister.

(4) The Chairman and members of the Board, other than *ex-officio* members, shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of their employment and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.

(5) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, the Minister may appoint any person to act as temporary Chairman or member of the Board during the absence or temporary incapacity by illness or other cause of the Chairman or such member, and a person so appointed shall, while the appointment subsists, have the same powers as are exercisable by the Chairman or the member.

(6) The Chairman or any member of the Board, other than an *ex-officio* member, may resign his appointment by a letter addressed to the Minister and if accepted, the resignation shall take effect from the date the Minister received the letter of resignation.

(7) The provisions set out in the Schedule to this Order shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters mentioned therein.

3. The functions of the Institute shall be—

Functions of
the Institute.

- (a) to conduct research into and develop both old and new drug substances and pharmaceutical agents, particularly for tropical diseases, from local materials and synthesis;
- (b) to carry out research and development into the pharmaceutical utilisation of local raw materials;
- (c) to evaluate, preserve, purify and standardise useful medicinal plant preparations into suitable and generally acceptable dosage form;
- (d) to conduct bio-pharmaceutical and pharmacokinetic studies on both imported and locally manufactured drug products;
- (e) to develop new or improved quality control methods, quality standards and specifications for the production and use in the manufacture of pharmaceutical products;
- (f) to promote and sponsor the development of staff through workshops, seminars, conferences and training courses organised within or outside Nigeria;
- (g) to carry out research on drug distribution, storage, stability and shelf-life; and
- (h) to carry out such other functions or activities as are necessary or expedient for the achievement of the objects of this Order.

4. The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, enter into association agreement with the competent authorities of any university or other institution of higher learning in Nigeria for the purposes of promoting or furthering mutual co-operation in transferring scientific and technological expertise to the Institute.

Association
of the
Institute with
universities,
etc.

5. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—
“Act” means the National Science and Technology Act;
“Board” means the governing Board of the Institute constituted pursuant to section 2(1) of this Order;

Interpreta-
tion.

“Institute” means the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development established under section 1 of this Order;

“member” means a member of the Board and includes the Chairman;

“Minister” has the meaning assigned to it in the Act.

Short title.

6. This Order may be cited as the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development Order.

SCHEDULE

Section 2(7)

Proceedings of the Board, etc.

1. (1) The Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings and those of any committee thereof.

(2) The quorum of the Board shall be three and the quorum of any of its committee shall be determined by the Board.

(3) The Chairman shall preside at every meeting of the Board but in his absence the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(4) The Board shall meet not less than twice in each year and the Board may meet on such other occasions as it may deem necessary.

(5) The validity of any proceedings of the Board or any of its committees shall not be affected—

(a) by any vacancy in its membership; or

(b) by any defect in the appointment of a member; or

(c) by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in its proceedings.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of this Order, where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any matter, the Board may co-opt that person as a member of the Board for such period as it may deem necessary, so however that a person co-opted under this paragraph shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

3. Any member of the Board or any committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement being entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or committee shall forthwith declare and disclose his interest in such contract or arrangement to the Board or committee and shall be disqualified from voting on any question relating to such contract or arrangement.
