

# THE MAURITIUS STANDARDS BUREAU ACT 1993

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**To amend and consolidate the law relating to standards**

## **PART I – INTRODUCTION**

### **1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Mauritius Standards Bureau Act 1993.

### **2. Interpretation**

In this Act -

“applicant” means a person or a firm seeking an MSB certification mark or a certificate of registration under this Act;

“authorised officer” means an employee of the Mauritius Standards Bureau designated as such by the Director;

“Bureau” means the Mauritius Standards Bureau established under section 3;

"certificate of registration" means a certificate issued under section 22 and recognising that the management system operated by a firm has been assessed and complies with the requirements of the relevant standard;

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council appointed under section 5;

"code of practice" means the practices and procedures to be applied for the design, manufacture, installation, maintenance or utilisation of equipment, structures or products;

"commodity" means any article or thing which is the subject of industry, trade or business;

"compulsory standard" means a standard which has been declared as such under section 26;

"conformity assessment" means any procedure such as testing, verification, inspection and certification to determine that relevant requirements in technical regulations and standards are fulfilled;

"Council" means the Standards Council established under section 5;

"Director" means the person appointed as such under section 7;

"draft standard" means a proposed standard that is available for comment;

"employee" means any employee of the Bureau and includes the Director;

"General Fund" means the fund established under section 13;

"mark" means the MSB certification mark;

"Mauricert" means the MSB certification marking scheme;

"Mauritian standard" means a document which has been declared as such under section 18 and may include a specification or a code of practice;

"measurement standard" means a material measure, measuring instrument or system intended to define, realise, conserve or reproduce a unit or one or more known values of a quantity in order to transmit them to other measuring instruments by comparison;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of industry is assigned;

“MSB” means the Mauritius Standards Bureau;

“national measurement standard” means a measurement standard used as the basis for fixing the value in Mauritius of all other measurement standards of the quantity concerned;

“secondary measurement standard” means a secondary standard of the Legal, Metrology Division of the Ministry responsible for the subject of commerce the Legal Metrology Act 1985;

“specification” means a description of a commodity or a process, by reference to its nature, quality, strength, purity, composition, quantity, reliability, dimensions, weight, grade, durability, origin, age or other characteristic;

“standard” –

- (a) means a document, duly approved by the Council, which contains technical specifications or other precise criteria to be used consistently as rules, guidelines or characteristics for products or related processes and production methods, with which compliance is not mandatory; and
- (b) includes, or deals exclusively with, terminology, symbols, packaging, marking or labelling requirements as they apply to the products, processes or production methods;

“*Système International d’Unités* (SI Units)” means the system of measurements as maintained by the *Bureau International des Poids et Mesures*;

“technical investigation” means the process of collecting objective evidences for the purpose of confirmation of a statement or compliance to procedures against set of requirements or regulatory and statutory requirements through testing, verification, witnessing, investigation or document review.

Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#); [\[Act No. 4 of 2017\]](#); [\[Act No. 11 of 2018\]](#); [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

## PART II - ADMINISTRATION

### 3. Establishment of the Bureau

- (1) There is established for the purposes of this Act the Mauritius Standards Bureau.
- (2) The Bureau shall be a body corporate.

(3) Subject to any other enactment, the Bureau shall, for the purposes of this Act, be the national standards body and the Government agency for conformity assessment services.

(4) The Bureau shall, pursuant to Article 10 of the World Trade Organisation's Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement, be the Enquiry Point for Mauritius with the objective of answering reasonable enquiries from other Member States to the Agreement, including on any adopted or proposed technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

#### **4. Objects of Bureau**

The objects of the Bureau shall be to –

- (a) promote and encourage standardisation and conformity assessment in industry and trade;
- (b) promote Mauritian Standards in relation to any goods, article, process, system or service;
- (c) promote technological development in industry through applied research.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 23 of 1998\]](#); [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#); [\[Act No. 4 of 2017\]](#); [\[Act No. 11 of 2018\]](#); [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

#### **4A. Functions of Bureau**

(1) The Bureau shall, in attaining its objects –

- (a) establish, publish, amend and revise Mauritian Standards in relation to any goods, article, process, system or service;
- (b) adopt as Mauritian Standard, any standard or any other publication or research work, established by any other institution in Mauritius or abroad, in relation to any goods, article, process, system or service;
- (c) undertake, support and promote such research as may be necessary or required for the formulation of Mauritian Standards;
- (d) monitor the certification marks;
- (e) assess and monitor management systems;
- (f) inspect, examine, test or analyse materials, documents, products and services and issue an inspection, an examination or a test report or a conformity report, as may be applicable;
- (g) develop, hold and maintain the national measurement standards through traceability to the *Système International d'Unités* (SI Units);
- (h) calibrate the secondary measurement standards;

- (i) verify measuring apparatus and instruments so as to determine their degree of accuracy and calibrate them;
- (j) provide technical information on standardisation and related subjects;
- (k) organise training sessions on standardisation, conformity assessment and related subjects;
- (l) conduct technical investigations in the field of conformity assessment;
- (m) advise the Minister on the formulation of policy for the purposes of this Act;
- (n) generally do such acts and things as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Bureau may, for the purposes of this Act, provide consultancy and other services.

**Added by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

#### **4B. Powers of Bureau**

The Bureau shall have such powers as may be necessary to discharge its functions most effectively and may, with the approval of the Council –

- (a) enter into any contract or other agreement;
- (b) set up any committee; and
- (c) charge or receive any fee or other sum which may lawfully accrue to it.

**Added by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

#### **5. The Standards Council**

- (1) The Bureau shall be administered by the Council.
- (2) The Council shall consist of -
  - (a) a Chairman appointed by the Minister;
  - (b) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of industry;
  - (c) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of consumer protection;
  - (ca) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of international trade;
  - (cb) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;
  - (d) a representative of the University of Mauritius;

(e) **Repealed by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

(f) a representative of the Institution of Engineers (Mauritius);

(g) 2 members, to be appointed by the Minister, from the private sector; and

(h) 3 members appointed by the Minister, one of whom shall be a member representing the interests of consumers.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)**

(3) Every appointed member shall -

(a) be a person who, has special knowledge and proven ability in the field of industry, trade, science or technology;

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)**

(b) hold office for a period of 3 years and be eligible for reappointment.

(4) Every member shall be paid such fees or allowances as the Minister may determine.

(5) No member shall be deemed to hold a public office by reason only of his appointment.

(6) No member shall take part in the deliberations of the Council where he has a direct or indirect interest in the subject under consideration.

(7) The Director shall, unless directed otherwise by the Council, attend every meeting of the Council and may take part in its deliberations but he shall not be entitled to vote on any matter before the Council.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#); [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

## **6. Meetings of the Council**

(1) The Council shall meet at the request of the Chairman, or of not less than 3 members and at such time and place as the Chairman may direct. ;

(2) Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

- (3) Subject to this section, the Council shall regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it thinks fit.

Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#); [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

## **7. Director**

- (1) There shall be a chief executive officer of the Bureau who shall –
- (a) be known as the Director; and
  - (b) be appointed by the Council with the approval of the Minister.
- (2) The Director shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Council and for the control and management of the day-to-day business of the Bureau.
- (3) In the exercise of his functions, the Director shall act in accordance with such directions as he may receive from the Council.
- (4) The Director may, with the approval of the Council, delegate his functions or any power delegated to him under section 8 to another employee.

## **8. Delegation of powers**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and to such instructions and rules of a general nature as it may give or make, the Council may delegate to the Chairman or to the Director, such of its powers under this Act as may be necessary to assist in the effective management of the Bureau, other than the power –
- (a) to borrow money;
  - (b) to raise loans; or
  - (c) to enter into any transaction in respect of capital expenditure which exceeds 500,000 rupees.

Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)

- (2) Subject to subsection (3) no document shall be executed or signed by or on behalf of the Bureau unless it is signed by the Director and the Chairman or, in the

absence of the Chairman, any other member appointed by the Council for that purpose.

- (3) Any cheque or other negotiable instrument for an amount not exceeding 50,000 rupees shall be signed or endorsed by the Director and any other employee appointed by the Council for that purpose.

Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#); [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

## **9. Appointment of employees**

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), the Council may employ, on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, such employees as may be necessary for the proper discharge of the functions of the Bureau.
- (2) Every employee shall be under the administrative control of the Director.
- (3) No employee shall take an active part in politics or seek election as a member of the Assembly or a local Authority.

## **10. Conditions of service of employees**

The Council may make provision, in such form as it may determine, to govern the conditions of service of employees and, in particular, to deal with -

- (a) the appointment, dismissal, discipline, pay and leave of and the security to be given by, employees;
- (b) appeals by employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures; and
- (c) the establishment and maintenance of provident and pension fund schemes, and the contributions payable to, and benefits recoverable from, those schemes.

## **11. Protection of members and employees**

No liability, civil or criminal, shall attach to any member or employee or to the Council in respect of loss arising from the exercise in good faith by a member or an employee or the Bureau of his or its functions under this Act.

## **12. Powers of Minister**

- (1) The Minister may, in relation to the exercise by the Council of its powers under this Act, after consultation with the Council, give such directions of general character to the Council as he considers necessary in the public interest, and the Council shall comply with those directions.
- (2) The Council shall furnish to the Minister such information with respect to its activities as he may require.

### **13. General Fund**

The Bureau shall establish a General Fund -

- (a) into which all money received by the Bureau shall be paid; and
- (b) out of which all payments required to be made by the Bureau shall be effected.

### **14. Charges to General Fund**

The Bureau may, in the discharge of its functions and in accordance with the terms and conditions on which its funds may have been obtained or derived, charge to the General Fund all remunerations, allowances, salaries, fees, pensions and superannuation fund contributions, gratuities, working expenses or all other charges properly arising, including any necessary capital expenditure.

### **15. Estimates**

- (1) The Bureau shall, not less than 3 months before the beginning of every financial year, submit to the Minister for his approval a consolidated estimate of the expenditure and income of the Bureau.
- (2) In signifying his approval, the Minister may make comments of a general policy nature regarding the estimates.

### **16. Annual report**

(1) The Bureau shall, in accordance with the Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act, prepare an annual report and submit it to the Minister, together with an audited statement of accounts on the operations of the Bureau, in respect of every financial year.

(2) The Minister shall, at the earliest available opportunity, lay a copy of the annual report and audited accounts of the Bureau before the Assembly.

Amended by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

### **PART III – STANDARDISATION AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT**

#### **17. Technical committees**

- (1) The Council shall appoint technical committees which shall assist it in matters relating to standardisation, conformity assessment and metrology.
- (2) Every technical committee shall -
  - (a) be appointed on such terms and conditions as the Council thinks fit; and
  - (b) be composed of stakeholders from the private and public sectors who have knowledge or experience in matters relating to standardisation, conformity assessment and metrology.
- (3) The members of a technical committee shall be paid such fees and allowances as the Council may determine.
- (4) Subject to subsection (2), and to any subsidiary enactment made under this Act, every technical committee shall regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it thinks fit.

Amended by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

#### **17A. Establishment of Mauritian Standards**

- (1) Any standard established by the Bureau shall be a Mauritian Standard.
- (2) A Mauritian Standard shall be published in the Gazette and remain valid until and unless it is withdrawn by the Bureau.

Added by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

#### **18. Declaration of Mauritian Standards**

- (1) Where the Council intends to declare a standard, it shall, by public notice, declare a draft Mauritian Standard.
- (2) Any interested person may, within 60 days from the publication of the notice under subsection (1), lodge with the Director a written objection or representation concerning the draft Mauritian Standard.

Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)

- (3) Any person may examine the particulars of a draft Mauritian Standard at the Bureau.
- (4) The Council shall, by public notice, declare a document as a Mauritian Standard after-  
it has given due consideration to any objection or representation made under subsection (2).
- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (2), where there is a risk of danger to health, safety or the environment or any other urgency, the Council may -
  - (a) require the lodging of any objection or representation under subsection (2); and
  - (b) make any declaration under subsection (4),  
  
within such period as it may decide.
- (6) **Repealed by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#); [\[Act No. 1 of 2020\]](#); [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

## **19. Amendment, revision and withdrawal**

- (1) Where the Council intends to amend, revise or withdraw a Mauritian Standard, it shall, by public notice, declare its intention to do so.
- (2) Any interested person may, within 60 days from the publication of the notice under subsection (1), lodge with the Director a written objection or representation concerning the proposed amendment, revision or withdrawal of the Mauritian Standard.
- (3) Any person may examine the proposed amendment or revision of the Mauritian Standard at the Bureau.
- (4) The Council shall, by public notice, declare an amendment, revision or withdrawal of a Mauritian Standard after it has given due consideration to any objection or representation made under subsection (2).

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)**

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (2), where there is a risk of danger to health, safety or the environment or any other urgency, the Council may -

(a) require the lodging of any objection or representation under subsection (2); and

(b) make any declaration under subsection (4), within such period as it may decide.

(6) Repealed by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#); [\[Act No. 1 of 2020\]](#); [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

#### **19A. Copyright of Mauritian Standards**

(1) Notwithstanding any other enactment, the copyright in a Mauritian Standard or any other publication of the Bureau shall vest in the Bureau.

(2) No person shall, without the written authorisation of the Bureau, in any manner or form, publish, reproduce or record any Mauritian Standard or part thereof, or any other publication of the Bureau.

(3) No person shall issue a document that creates, or may create the impression that it is or contains a Mauritian Standard.

Added by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

#### **20. MSB certification mark**

There shall be an MSB certification mark under Mauricert which shall be of such design and contain such words, figures or symbols as may be prescribed.

#### **21. Issue, suspension and revocation of MSB certification mark**

(1) An applicant for an MSB certification mark under Mauricert in respect of a commodity or process shall make on the prescribed form an application to the Director who may request for such additional information as he thinks fit.

(2) On receipt of an application under subsection (1), the Council may, if it is satisfied that the commodity or process to which the application relates conforms to the

Mauritian standard, issue an MSB certification mark to the applicant to use the mark subject to such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

- (3) Subject to subsection (4), the Council may, at any time
  - (a) suspend an MSB certification mark for a period not exceeding 6 months; or
  - (b) revoke an MSB certification mark.
- (4) Before suspending or revoking a licence the Council shall –
  - (a) give to the holder of an MSB certification mark 14 days, notice of its intention; and
  - (b) specify in the notice the ground upon which it proposes to revoke or suspend the MSB certification mark.
- (5) The Director may, by written notice, require a licensee-
  - (a) to transmit a sample of any commodity in respect of which an MSB certification mark has been issued to such person and within such period as may be specified in the notice; or
  - (b) to furnish to the Bureau such information relating to the commodity or the manufacture, production, processing or treatment of the commodity, within such period as may be specified in the notice.
- (6) No person shall, in connection with the sale of any commodity, directly or indirectly, refer to a Mauritian Standard declared under this Act in a manner likely to convey the impression that the commodity complies with or has been manufactured in accordance with the Mauritian Standard, unless that commodity bears the mark.
- (7) Notwithstanding subsection (6), any person required to make a statement in a contract, tender, quotation or other similar document as to the question whether any commodity offered or supplied by him complies with or has been manufactured in accordance with a particular Mauritian Standard, may make such a statement.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

**21A. Repealed by [\[Act No. 11 of 2018\]](#)**

**Added by [\[Act No. 4 of 2017\]](#)**

## **22. Certificate of registration**

- (1) Any applicant for a certificate of registration scheme shall make an application to the Director who may request for such additional information as he thinks fit.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)**

- (2) On receipt of an application under subsection (1), the Council may, if it is satisfied that the management system of the firm complies with the relevant standard, grant a certificate of registration to the applicant subject to such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)**

- (3) Subject to subsection (4), the Council may, at any time-
  - (a) suspend a certificate of registration for a period not exceeding 6 months; or
  - (b) revoke a certificate of registration.
- (4) Before suspending or revoking a certificate of registration the Council shall –
  - (a) give to the holder of the certificate of registration 14 days' notice of its intention; and
  - (b) specify in the notice any ground upon which it proposes to suspend or revoke the certificate.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#); [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

## **23. MSB registered firm symbols**

- (1) There shall be an appropriate MSB registered firm symbols which shall be of such design and contain such words or figures as may be prescribed.
- (2) The holder of a certificate of registration may use the appropriate MSB registered firm symbol in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (3) No person shall use an MSB registered firm symbol other than the holder of a certificate of registration.

Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)

#### **24. Publication**

The Council shall cause a notice to be published in the Gazette relating to the issue, grant, suspension and revocation of MSB certification mark and certificates of registration.

Amended by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

#### **25. Appeal**

(1) Any person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Council –

- (a) refusing an application under this Act;
- (b) suspending or revoking an MSB certification mark or a certificate of registration,

may appeal to the Minister who may confirm, amend or set aside the decision of the Council.

(2) An appeal shall be lodged within 10 days of the date on which the decision of the Council has been communicated to the applicant or to the holder of an MSB certification mark or certificate of registration.

(3) A decision of the Council to suspend or revoke an MSB certification mark or certificate of registration issued to any person shall not be withheld by reason of an appeal under subsection (1).

Amended by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

#### **25A. Notification by Minister**

The Minister may, in the public interest or for the protection of human, animal or plant health, safety of the environment, or prevention of unfair trade practices, or national security, by an order published in the Gazette, notify –

- (a) the goods or article of any scheduled industry, process, system or service; or
- (b) the essential requirements to which such goods, article, process, system or service, which shall conform to a Mauritian standard and direct the use of the certification mark under a certificate of conformity as is compulsory on such goods, article, process, system or service.

Added by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

**26. Repealed by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

**26A. Conformity assessment**

(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Bureau shall provide conformity assessment services which shall include, but not be limited to, visual inspection, testing, verification of certificates of conformity or test reports.

(2) The Bureau shall issue a conformity report in respect of any conformity assessment service provided under this section.

Added by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

**26B. Inspection**

(1) The Bureau may establish, maintain and provide inspection services to the public and private sectors.

(2) There shall be an appropriate MSB registered firm symbol for inspection services.

(3) The Bureau shall, for the purpose of ensuring the integrity of its inspection services –

(a) establish suitable infrastructure to enable it to perform the required tests; and

(b) operate an appropriate management system in accordance with the relevant international standards.

Added by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

**26C. Metrology and calibration**

(1) The Bureau shall be the custodian of national measurement standards.

(2) The Bureau shall calibrate measuring instruments and provide measurement traceability through the *Système International d'Unités* (SI Units).

Added by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

**PART IV - OFFENCES AND ENFORCEMENT**

**27. Powers of authorised officers**

An authorised officer may -

- (a) at all reasonable times enter any premises on which a commodity or process, in relation to which the mark is used, is or is reasonably suspected of being manufactured, produced, treated or kept for the purpose of any trade or business;
- (b) at all reasonable times enter the premises of any firm which an MSB certification mark;
- (c) at all reasonable times inspect and take samples of -
  - (i) any commodity in relation to which the mark is used;
  - (ii) any material or substance used or suspected to be intended for use in the manufacture, production or treatment of the commodity;
- (d) open any package or container on premises specified in paragraph (a) which contains or is suspected to contain any commodity, material or substance specified in paragraph (c);
- (e) where there is a compulsory standard or mark for any product or process, inspect any operation carried, out in connection with the manufacture, production, distribution or treatment of the commodity;
- (f) require any person to produce any document which is in his possession or custody and which relates to a commodity or process specified in paragraph (a) or to a firm specified in paragraph (b);
- (g) examine, made copies of, or take extracts from, any document specified in paragraph (f).

Amended by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

## **28. Power to require information**

The Director may request the holder of a certification to submit information relating to the specification and quality of its products and related matters.

Amended by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)

## **29. Offences**

- (1) Any person who -

- (a) makes any statement or representation, whether in writing or not, with reference to any commodity or process which conveys or is likely to convey the impression that a person who is not licensed to use the mark with reference to that commodity or process is so licensed or is otherwise entitled to use the mark;
- (b) knowingly makes use of the mark in relation to a commodity or process in respect of which no MSB certification mark has been issued;
- (c) makes any statement or representation, whether in writing or not, or uses any MSB registered firm symbol which conveys or is likely to convey the impression that a management system complies with a standard where it does not do so;

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)**

- (d) fails to comply with a request under section 21 (5);
- (e) contravenes this Act or any subsidiary enactment made under this Act or the terms of any MSB certification mark issued under section 21, or certificate of registration issued under section 22,

shall commit an offence.

- (2) Any person who commits an offence shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#); [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

## **PART V - MISCELLANEOUS**

### **30. Protection against claims**

Notwithstanding any other enactment, the fact that -

- (a) any commodity or process is alleged to conform to a standard;
- (b) the mark is used in connection with any commodity or process;
- (c) any MSB registered firm symbol is used in connection with a management system,

shall not give rise to any claim against the Bureau or any employee.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)**

### **31. Confidentiality**

(1) No member or employee shall, during or after his term of office with the Council or Bureau, use or disclose any matter which comes to his knowledge in the discharge of his functions or use any material of the Bureau, except for the purpose of administering this Act.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

### **32. Use of word 'standard'**

Notwithstanding any other enactment, no person shall, except with the Minister's written consent, for the purposes of any trade or business, use a name which contains the word "standard" or any other word likely to lead people to believe that reference is made to a standard.

### **32A. Exemption from duty and charges**

Notwithstanding any other enactment, the Bureau shall be exempt from the payment of any duty, rate, charge, fee or tax.

**Added by [\[Act No. 13 of 1999\]](#)**

### **33. Regulations**

(1) The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Council –

- (a) make such regulations as he thinks fit for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) by regulations, amend the Schedule.

(2) Any regulations made under this section may provide for the levying of fees and charges.

**(3) Repealed by [\[Act No. 18 of 2022\]](#)**

Amended by [\[Act No. 4 of 2017\]](#)

**34. Saving**

Any application made prior to the repealed section 21A shall, on the commencement of this section, be dealt with in accordance with that section as if that section has not been repealed.

Amended by [\[Act No. 11 of 2018\]](#); [\[Act No. 13 of 2019\]](#)

**35. Repeal**

The Standards Act is repealed.

**36. Transitional provisions**

Notwithstanding section 35, anything done or deemed to have been done under the Standards Act shall be deemed to have been done under this Act.

**37. Commencement**

This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

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Schedule Repealed by [\[Act No. 11 of 2018\]](#)

Amended by [\[Act No. 4 of 2017\]](#);