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FOOD AND NUTRITION COUNCIL ACT

32 of 1981. **AN ACT to provide for the establishment of a Food and Nutrition Council in the Commonwealth of Dominica and matters connected therewith.**

Commencement. [8th October 1981]

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the –
FOOD AND NUTRITION COUNCIL ACT.

Interpretation. 2. In this Act –
“Council” means the Food and Nutrition Council established by section 3 (1);
“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Health.

Establishment of the Food and Nutrition Council. 3. (1) There is hereby established for the purposes of this Act a body to be called the Food and Nutrition Council.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with power to enter into contracts, to sue and be sued in its corporate name, to acquire, hold, mortgage, lease and dispose of all kinds of property movable and immovable and to do and perform such acts and things as bodies corporate may by law do and perform subject to the provisions of this Act.

Constitution of the Council. 4. The Council shall consist of a Chairman and eight members appointed by the Minister, as the Minister may from time to time determine.

Membership of the Council. 5. Eight members of the Council shall be appointed from among persons appearing to the Minister qualified as having had experience in and shown capacity in matters relating to planning, finance, health, education, social affairs, agriculture, labour, industry, commerce or other related areas.

Secretary. 6. (1) There shall be a Secretary of the Council who shall be appointed by the Council with the approval of the Minister.

(2) The Council may with the approval of the Minister appoint such officers and servants as it may consider necessary for the proper performance of its functions.

7. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Council shall – *Functions.*

- (a) make recommendations for a national food and nutrition policy;
- (b) develop a food and nutrition planning process;
- (c) monitor food and nutrition programmes;
- (d) prepare and evaluate food and nutrition projects;
- (e) assist in the implementation of selected projects;
- (f) in collaboration with other responsible agencies, assist in the establishment of food quality throughout the food chain;
- (g) perform such other functions related to food and nutrition as the Minister may from time to time consider necessary.

(2) The Council in the performance of its duty –

- (a) shall have access to all pertinent information regarding planning, implementation and progress of programmes with relevance to food and nutrition, policy on budgetary allocations to such programmes, and ensure that food and nutrition policy is applied to the programmes;
- (b) may co-opt and mobilise resource personnel;
- (c) may apply for and receive funding from local and external sources.

8. The funds and resources of the Council shall consist of – *Funds of Council.*

- (a) such funds as it may receive from external sources;
- (b) such sums as may be granted to it by the Government;
- (c) all other sums or property which may become payable to or vested in the Council.

Duty of Council
to keep proper
accounts.

9. (1) The Council shall cause to be kept proper books of account with respect to all sums of money received and expended by it and the matter in respect of which the receipt and expenditure take place and the assets and liabilities of the Council.

(2) The accounts of the Council shall be examined and audited each year by the Director of Audit and the Council shall furnish to the Minister a copy of the statement of accounts and the report of the auditor.

Power to make
Regulations.

10. The Council with the approval of the Minister may make Regulations with respect to the organisation and administration of the affairs of the Council, its property and income.
