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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 21 of the Finance Act 1978, I,

Evaristus Retšelisitsoe Sekhonyana

Minister of Finance, hereby make the following regulations —

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| Citation | 1. These regulations may be cited as the Food Grain Self-Sufficiency Fund Regulations 1980. |
| Interpre-
tation | 2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
“Minister” means the Prime Minister;
“Permanent Secretary” means the Senior Permanent Secretary;
“LEMA” means the Organisation for the provision of tillage, harvesting and related services;
“Fund” means the Food Grain Self-Sufficiency Fund;
“Project” means the Food Grain Self-Sufficiency Project. |
| Establish-
ment | 3. There is hereby established a Special Fund to be known as the Food Grain Self-Sufficiency Fund. |
| Purpose | 4. The purpose of the Fund shall be to:—
(a) achieve self-sufficiency in food production.
(b) achieve full utilisation of Government farm machinery and equipment.
(c) initiate agricultural production based on village co-operatives. |
| Controlling
Officer | 5. The Fund shall be controlled by the Permanent Secretary. |
| Management
Committee | 6. (1) The Minister shall appoint a Committee whose duty shall be to:—
(a) control the Project and LEMA;
(b) approve the budget;
(c) appoint staff and decide on matters of policy in accordance with Fund regulations and Cabinet decisions which may be issued from time to time.
(2) The Committee shall consist of:—
(a) The Senior Permanent Secretary who shall be chairman and Chief Accounting Officer;
(b) The Permanent Secretary (Cabinet Admin.) who shall be deputy Chairman;
(c) The Permanent Secretary for Agriculture; |

- (d) The Permanent Secretary for Co-operatives and Rural Development;
- (e) The Permanent Secretary for Finance;
- (f) The Permanent Secretary for Planning and Statistics;
- (g) The Permanent Secretary for Interior;
- (h) The Managing Director of the Lesotho Agricultural Development Bank;
- (i) The Managing Director of the Produce Marketing Corporation;
- (j) Two representatives of the Chinese Embassy;
- (k) Two representatives of the farming community;
- (l) The Project Director who shall also serve as the Secretary of the Committee or designate one of his staff to be secretary.

7. (1) The Minister shall designate an officer to be **Chief Project Executive Officer of the Project and LEMA, hereinafter called the Director** Director

- (2) The Director shall —
 - (a) be responsible for day to day management and be executive of the Project and Supervisor of staff;
 - (b) be responsible for the preparation of the Project budget;
 - (c) ensure that the necessary records are kept for the efficient operation of the Fund;
 - (d) prepare and submit to the Committee for consideration long and short term plans and implement the approved programme;
 - (e) recommend hire charge rates for LEMA to the Minister for his approval;
 - (f) submit to the Committee such reports as they may require.

8. There shall be paid into the Fund —

Receipts

- (a) The proceeds of the sale of crops;
- (b) The proceeds of hire charges;
- (c) The proceeds of the sale of stores and equipment;
- (d) appropriations;
- (e) gifts and donations to the Fund.

9. Moneys shall be paid from the Fund for —

Disbursements

- (a) The purchase of all items necessary for the operation of the Project and LEMA;
- (b) The payment of salaries and wages;
- (c) Servicing and maintenance of equipment and buildings;
- (d) The provision of such services as are necessary for the operation of the Project and LEMA;

(e) Insurance of crops.

10. The Committee shall cause estimates to be prepared for consideration by the Minister and will thereafter be submitted to the Minister of Finance for approval by such date as he may require.

11. (1) The Accountant General shall maintain a separate account for the Fund.

(2) The Permanent Secretary shall maintain accounts in which he shall record receipts into and disbursements from the Fund.

(3) Separate accounts shall be maintained within the Fund for:—

- (a) Administrative expenses;
- (b) Agricultural inputs;
- (c) LEMA running costs.

(4) In maintaining the accounts, the Permanent Secretary shall observe the provisions of Financial and Stores Regulations and other applicable laws, regulations and directions governing the receipt control and disbursement of public funds and stores unless otherwise authorised in writing by the Minister of Finance.

(5) The Permanent Secretary shall forward to the Minister of Finance within one month of the end of each quarter, a statement of the financial position of the Fund.

(6) The accounts of the Fund shall be reconciled monthly with the accounts maintained by the Accountant General and The Agricultural Development Bank.

Annual
Accounts

12. As soon as possible after 31st March of each year, but not later than three months thereafter, The Permanent Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee, the Accountant General, and the Auditor General annual accounts of the Fund.

13. (1) The Co-operative Crop Production Programme Trading Account and the LEMA Trading Account are closed and the balances in the accounts, together with the assets and liabilities, shall be transferred to the Fund.

(2) The Directions for the operation of the C.C.P.P. Trading Account are cancelled.

E. R. Sekhonyana,
Minister of Finance.

Ministry of Finance,
Maseru.
12th November, 1980.