

Tea Small Holdings Development (Amendment)
Act, No. 21 of 1997

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L.D.—O. 49/96.

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE TEA SMALL HOLDINGS DEVELOPMENT
LAW, No. 35 OF 1975**

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :-

1. This Act may be cited as the Tea Small Holdings Development (Amendment) Act, No. 21 of 1997.

Short title.

2. Section 14 of the Tea Small Holdings Development Law, No. 35 of 1975 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows :—

**Amendment of
section 14 of Law,
No. 35 of 1975.**

(a) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (c) of that section of the following new paragraph :-

“ (cc) to register and regulate Tea Small Holding Development Societies and to provide assistance to the members of such Societies registered with the Authority. ” ;

(b) in paragraph (d) thereof, by the substitution for the words “the produce of such lands.“, of the word “the produce of such lands including the payment of statutory dues and remuneration to such persons engaged in the production or the processing of the produce of such lands.“.

3. Section 15 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (kk) of subsection (2) of that section by the substitution, for the words “and appeals from orders of cancellation ;”, of the words “appeals from orders of cancellation, liquidation after cancellation of registration, powers of a liquidator and enforcement of orders made by a liquidator ;”.

**Amendment of
section 15 of the
principal
enactment**

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Insertion of a new section 17A in the principal enactment.

4. The following new section is inserted immediately after section 17 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 17A of that enactment :—

‘Societies to be registered.

17A. (1) A Society may apply to the Authority for registration under the Law, in the manner prescribed by rules together with the fee prescribed therefor. .

(2) A Society registered under subsection (1) (hereinafter referred to as the “Registered Society”) shall, by the name under which it is registered under subsection (1), be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and may sue and be sued in such name.

(3) Every Registered Society shall have a common seal which shall be in the custody of such person as such Society may decide.

(4) Upon registration of a Society under subsection (1), the Authority shall cause to be **published** in the Gazette, a Notification stating that a Society has been registered in the name assigned to it in the register and the date with effect from which the Society has been so registered ; and upon the cancellation of the registration of a Registered Society, the Authority shall cause to be published in the Gazette, a Notification stating that the registration of such Society has been cancelled.’

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.