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CHAPTER 399

THE TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY ACT

[PRINCIPAL LEGISLATION]

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CHAPTER 399
THE TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY ACT

An Act to establish the Tanzania Revenue Authority as a central body for the assessment and collection of specified revenue, to administer and enforce the laws relating to such revenue and to provide for related matters

[7th August, 1995]
[G.N. No. 319 of 1995]

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11 of 1995
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PART I
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Short title 1. This Act may be cited as the Tanzania Revenue Authority Act.

Application 2. This Act shall apply to Tanzania Zanzibar as well as to Mainland Tanzania.

Interpretation 3. In this Act, unless the context requires otherwise –

"Authority" means the Tanzania Revenue Authority established by section 4;
"Board" means the Board of the Authority established by section 10;
"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board of the Authority;
"Commissioner-General" means a person appointed under section 16 of the Act to be a Commissioner-General;
"Deputy Commissioner-General" means a person appointed under section 17 to be a Deputy Commissioner-General;
"member" means a member of the Board and includes the Chairman;
"Minister" means the Minister for the time being responsible for finance;
"revenue" means taxes, duties, fees, fines or other monies imposed by or collected under the laws or the specified provisions of the laws set out in the First Schedule;
"Revenue Commissioner" means a person appointed as a Commissioner in respect of any tax.

PART II
ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

Establishment of the Authority 4.(1) There is established an Authority to be known as the Tanzania Revenue Authority which shall consist of the Board and all operating Departments.
Authority Act No. 13 of 1996 s. 50

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and, subject to this Act –

(a) shall be capable of suing and being sued in its corporate name;
(b) may borrow money, acquire and dispose of property; and
(c) may do all other things which a body corporate may lawfully do.

(3) The Authority shall be an agency of the Government and shall be under the general supervision of the Minister.

(4) The seal of the Authority shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Commissioner-General and the Secretary to the Board.

(5) In the absence of the Commissioner-General, a Commissioner designated by him for the purpose, may sign a document in his place and in the absence of the Secretary to the Board, a person performing the functions of the Secretary may sign a document in his place.

(6) Every document purporting to be an instrument issued by the Authority shall be sealed with the seal of the Authority authenticated in the manner provided under subsection (4) and such an instrument shall be received in evidence without further proof.

Functions of the Authority Act No. 8 of 1996 s. 7

5.- (1) The functions of the Authority are –

(a) to administer and give effect to the laws or the specified provisions of the laws set out in the First Schedule to this Act, and for this purpose, to assess, collect and account for all revenue to which those laws apply;
(b) to monitor, oversee, coordinate activities and ensure the fair, efficient and effective administration of revenue laws by revenue departments in the jurisdiction of the Union Government;
(c) to monitor and ensure the collection of fees, levies, charges or any other tax collected by any Ministry, Department or Division of the Government as revenue for the Government;
(d) to advise the Minister and other relevant organs on all matters pertaining to fiscal policy, the implementation of the policy and the constant improvement of policy regarding revenue laws and administration;
(e) to promote voluntary tax compliance to the highest degree possible;

(f) to take such measures as may be necessary to improve the standard of service given to taxpayers, with a view to improving the effectiveness of the revenue departments and maximising revenue collection;
(g) to determine the steps to be taken to counteract fraud and other forms of tax and other fiscal evasions;
(h) to produce trade statistics and publications on a quarterly basis; and
(i) subject to the laws specified under paragraph (a), to perform such other functions as the Minister may determine.

(2) The Authority shall in the discharge of its functions, have power to

(a) study revenue laws and identify amendments or alterations which may be made to any law for the purposes of improving the administration of and compliance with revenue laws;
(b) study the administrative costs, compliance costs and the operational impact of all intended legislative changes and advise the Government accordingly;
(c) collect and process the statistics needed to provide forecasts of revenue receipt and the effect on yield of any proposals for changes in revenue laws and advise the Minister accordingly;
(d) negotiate and agree with the Treasury on the revenue collection targets for any given financial year;
(e) undertake work measurement exercises in order to determine the manpower needs for the functions of each revenue department in the Authority;
(f) set appropriate objectives and work targets in each revenue department and monitor progress in achieving them;
(g) take such other measures as it may deem necessary or desirable for the achievement of the purposes and provisions of this Act.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the functions and powers specified in subsections (1) and (2), the Authority shall –

(a) have power to do all such acts and things as may appear to it to be necessary, advantageous or convenient for the efficient and effective discharge of its functions; and
(b) act in accordance with all such directions of a general or specific character as the Minister may by writing under his hand give to the Authority.

(4) The Minister may, by an order published in the Gazette, amend the First Schedule to this Act.

6. Any person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Commissioner-General in relation to any act or omission in the course of the discharge of any function conferred upon him under the law set out in the First Schedule to this Act, may appeal to the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Revenue Appeals Act.

7.-(1) The Authority shall, after consultation with the Minister by Notice published in the Gazette, provide for the establishment, maintenance and application of a system for the convenient and effectual identification of taxpayers for the purposes of coordinated administration of the revenue laws of the United Republic.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the taxpayer identification number registered in accordance with the provisions of part II of the Income Tax Act, shall apply in relation to the administration and management of the laws set out in the First Schedule to this Act or any other written law administrable under the Act.

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1), it shall be lawful for officers in the revenue departments to exchange or furnish each other with information or documents concerning any taxpayer and for the purposes of the discharge of functions under this Act.

8.-(1) Revenue Commissioner, or any other Commissioner or person employed in the carrying out of the provisions of this Act shall
of 1996
s. 8

regard and deal with all documents and information relating to the income,
expenditure or other financial dealings or status of any tax payer or other
person involved in any operations in furtherance of the purposes of this
Act, and all confidential instructions in respect of the administration of this
Act which may come into his possession or to his knowledge in the course
of his duties, as secret to any unauthorised person.

Cap. 332
(2) The provisions of sections 108 and 140 of the Income Tax Act,
relating to the maintenance of confidentiality and to the safeguarding of the
integrity of the officers and other persons discharging functions under that
Act, shall apply, mutatis mutandis, in relation to the maintenance of
confidentiality and the safeguarding of the integrity of persons discharging
functions under this Act.

[s. 7]

Role of the
Minister

9. It shall be the duty of the Minister –

(a) subject to other relevant written laws of the United Republic,
to determine and ensure the effectual application of the fiscal
policies of the United Republic;
(b) to see to the effective coordination of the policies for the
collection and preservation of revenue accounts.

[s. 8]

PART III
THE BOARD AND ITS FUNCTIONS

Establishment
of the Board

10.-(1) There is established a Board as the governing body of the
Authority which shall consist of the following members –
(a) a Chairman appointed by the President on the recommendation
of the Minister;
(b) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance of the
Union Government;
(c) the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Finance of the
Zanzibar Government;
(d) the Governor of the Bank of Tanzania;
(e) the Commissioner-General of the Authority;
(f) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Planning; and
(g) four other members appointed by the Minister with professional
knowledge and experience in finance, commerce, economics or
law from among institutions of financial, commercial, legal or
economic nature having no vested interests in the Authority.

(2) The Board shall be a statutory organ responsible for the
formulation and implementation of the policy of the Authority.

(3) The Minister may give directives to the Board regarding the
performance of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply
with those directives.

(4) The Board may delegate to any member the power and authority
to carry out on behalf of the Authority, such functions as the Board may
determine.

[s. 9]

Tenure

11.-(1) A member of the Board other than an ex officio member
shall hold office –
(b) in the first instance, for a period not exceeding three years; and
(c) shall be eligible for re-appointment only for a subsequent period not exceeding three years.

(2) The Minister may terminate or suspend the appointment of a member –
(a) for the member's inability to perform the functions of his office;
(b) for misbehaviour;
(c) if the member is convicted of a criminal offence involving moral turpitude and in respect of which a maximum penalty exceeding six months imprisonment may be imposed;
(d) if the member, in any particular case, fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule relating to the disclosure of interest; or
(e) for any other sufficient cause.

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Meeting of the Board

12.-(1) The provisions of the Second Schedule shall apply to the meetings of the Board (and other matters provided for in that Schedule) and the Minister may by statutory instrument, amend the Schedule.

(2) The Board may co-opt any person to participate in the deliberations, but a person so co-opted shall have no right to vote.

[s. 11]

PART IV
POWERS AND OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD

13. In the discharge of its functions under this Act, the Board may –
(a) direct the Commissioner-General to furnish it with any information, reports or other documents which the Board considers necessary for the performance of its functions;
(b) give lawful instructions and orders in a prescribed legal notice to the Commissioner-General in connection with the management, performance and operational policies of the operating departments;
(c) except as is otherwise provided in this Act, the Board has no power to intervene in the determination of tax liabilities of particular taxpayers;
(d) formulate and devise a system for securing, through internal audit systems, and verifying the correct processing by revenue department of various cases before them, and in accordance with law and the relevant directions of the Minister;
(e) establish such organisational structures as may be submitted by the Commissioner-General as he may consider necessary for the discharge of the functions of the Authority;
(f) determine, subject to the approval of the Minister, the terms and conditions of service, salaries and other allowances including any other fringe benefits for the Commissioner-General, Revenue Commissioners or other Commissioners, officers and staff of the Authority.

[s. 12]
Exemptions Act
No. 8
of 1996
s. 10

14.- (1) The Board shall recommend to the Minister criteria or factors by reference to which any exemption, mitigation, deferment or remission may be granted.

(2) The Minister shall by order published in the Gazette specify the criteria or factors recommended under subsection (1) and may from time to time amend such order.

(3) The Minister may by order published in the Gazette exempt, mitigate, defer or remit any tax, duty or other levy on the grounds of public or other interests subjects to the published criteria made in subsection (2).

(4) The Board may in the public interest refer back any exemption, mitigation, deferment or remission made with sufficient information relating to the matter.

(5) The Commissioner-General shall, subject to this Act, regularly submit to the Board the total amount of tax remitted or foregone in respect of each of the criteria specified under subsection (2).

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other written law, where a revenue law has conferred power on a Revenue Commissioner to refrain from assessing any person to tax or from recovering tax from him –

(a) the Board shall, by order published in the Gazette, specify criteria by reference to which the power shall be exercised by the Revenue Commissioner;

(b) the Board may, from time to time, by Notice published in the Gazette, determine the amount of tax beyond which a Revenue Commissioner may not exercise his discretionary power of remission conferred on him by any law.

(7) In the exercise of its functions under this Act, the Board shall, subject to such restrictions, qualifications and instructions regarding procedure as the Minister may give in writing to the Board, have power –

(a) to consider applications for and grant remission or abandonment of tax of amounts beyond the financial limits of the discretionary power of the relevant Revenue Commissioner;

(b) to require a Revenue Commissioner to submit returns to the Board, at such intervals not exceeding three months, as the Board may direct, of the identity of the taxpayers, the reasons for the remission and the amount of tax remitted or abandoned by him.

[s. 13]

Annual reports
on exemptions
Act No. 8
of 1996
s. 11

15.- (1) The Authority shall, subject to this Act regularly report to the Minister who shall submit an annual report to the National Assembly setting out, among other things, the total amount of tax remitted or foregone in respect of each of the criteria specified under subsection (2) of section 14.

(2) For the more effectual implementation of this Part, the Authority shall cause to be kept and maintained a full record indicating –

(a) the names and number of persons in respect of tax exemptions granted;

(b) the number of exemptions, mitigation and deferment of taxes and duties granted; and
(c) the period for which and the amount of taxes and duties exempted, mitigated or deferred.

(3) The report submitted to the Minister and to the National Assembly shall be analysed between the different statutory classes of exemption and, in the case of exemptions by publication in the Gazette, or in the public interest, shall be analysed also by reference to the criteria specified by the Minister on the recommendation of the Board.

PART V
COMMISSIONER-GENERAL, OFFICERS AND STAFF

Commissioner-General

Act No. 15 of 2003

16.- (1) The President shall appoint a Commissioner-General of the Authority on the recommendation of the Minister.

(2) The Commissioner-General shall hold office for the period of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment unless he sooner dies or resigns or vacates or is removed.

(3) The Commissioner-General shall be the chief executive officer of the Authority and, subject to the general supervision and control of the Board, shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Authority, the management of funds, property and business of the Authority and for the administration, organisation and control of the other officers and staff of the Authority.

(4) The President may, after the recommendation of the Minister, terminate the appointment of the Commissioner-General for –

(a) misbehaviour;
(b) the Commissioner General's inability to perform the functions of his office; or
(c) any other sufficient cause.

(5) The Commissioner-General may, subject to this Act and to any general or specific directions of the Minister or of the Board, delegate any or all of his functions in relation to a revenue law, to a Revenue Commissioner or any other Commissioner or officer.

(6) Subject to any express direction by the Commissioner General to the contrary, any of the powers and duties of the Commissioner General under this Act may be exercised by any officer authorized in writing in that behalf by the Commissioner General.

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in any written law, any officer duly authorized in writing in that behalf by the Commissioner General may appear in any Court on behalf of the Commissioner General in any proceedings to which the Commissioner General is a party and, subject to the directions of the Director of Public Prosecutions, any such officer may conduct any prosecution for any offence under the laws specified in the First Schedule of this Act and for such purpose shall have all the powers of a public prosecutor appointed under the Criminal Procedure Act.

Deputy Commissioner-General

Act 17 of 2004

17.- (1) There shall be a Deputy Commissioner-General who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner-General appointed under subsection
No. 14 of 2001 s. 26A
(1) shall hold office for a period of four years and shall be eligible for reappointment unless he sooner dies, or resigns, or vacates or is removed. [s. 15A]

Termination of appointment

Act No. 14 of 2001 s. 26A
18. The President may after the recommendation of the Minister terminate the appointment of the Deputy Commissioner-General for –
(a) misbehaviour;
(b) inability to perform; or
(c) any other sufficient cause. [s. 15B]

Functions of the Deputy Commissioner-General

Act No. 14 of 2001 s. 26A
19.- (1) The Deputy Commissioner-General shall –
(a) subject to the general supervision of the Commissioner-General, be responsible for the day to day management of business and affairs of the Authority in the specific functions of the Authority as may be specified by the Board;  
(b) perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him from time to time by the Commissioner-General after consultation with the Board; and
(c) have full powers to perform the function and to exercise the powers of the Commissioner-General where the Commissioner-General is absent.
(2) The exercise of powers and functions of the Commissioner-General by the Deputy Commissioner-General, shall, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be deemed to be a valid exercise of such powers and functions. [s. 15C]

Appointment of Revenue Commissioners, other Commissioners and staff of the Authority

Act No. 8 of 1996 s. 16
20.- (1) The Board shall appoint such number and grades of Revenue Commissioner or other Commissioners in relation to revenue law, Secretary, other officers and staff of the Authority as it may think necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective discharge of the business and purposes of the Authority.
(2) The Board shall be responsible for the discipline and control of the Revenue Commissioners or other Commissioners in relation to any revenue law, Secretary, other officers and staff appointed by it.
(3) Every Revenue Commissioner or any other Commissioner appointed under any revenue law before the commencement of this Act, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, after the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Act until another appointment is made to fill the appointment of such Revenue Commissioner or any other Commissioner. [s. 16]

Duties of the Secretary

Act No. 8 of 1996
21. The Secretary to the Board shall be responsible for arranging the business proceedings of the Board and for such other duties as the Board may direct. [s. 17]
22. An employee of the Authority shall not in his personal capacity be liable in civil or criminal proceedings in respect of any act or omission done in good faith in the performance of his functions under this Act.

[s. 18]

PART VI
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

23. (1) The funds of the Authority shall consist of money as may -

(a) be accrued by retention of a certain percentage of the revenue collected by the Authority as shall be determined by the Minister from time to time.

(b) be paid to the Authority by way of grants or loans subject to the approval of the Minister; and

(c) be received by or made available to the Authority for the purpose of performing its functions, subject to the approval of the Minister.

(2) The Authority may charge and collect fees in respect of programmes, publications, seminars, consultancy services and other services provided by the Authority.

(3) The expenditure of the Authority shall be a charge on the Consolidated fund.

24.- (1) All revenue collected by, or payable to the Authority under this Act shall be credited to the Exchequer Account on a weekly basis and be payable to the Consolidated Fund.

(2) The Commissioner-General shall submit to the Board a monthly report in respect of the revenue collected.

[s. 20]

25. The Commissioner-General shall, not later than three months before the end of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Board for its approval, estimates of its income and expenditure for the next ensuing year and may at any time before the end of a financial year, prepare and submit to the Board for approval any estimated supplementary to the estimates of a current financial year.

[s. 21]

26.- (1) The Authority shall keep accounts and records of its transactions and affairs and shall ensure that all moneys received are properly brought to account and all payments out of its moneys are correctly made and properly authorised and adequate control is maintained over its property and over the incurring of liabilities by the Authority.

(2) The annual accounts of the Authority shall be audited by the Controller and Auditor-General.

(3) The Authority shall, within six months after the end of each financial year submit to the Minister an annual report in respect of that year.
containing –
(a) a copy of the audited accounts of the Authority, together with the auditor's report, if any, on the accounts;
(b) performance indicators and any other related information;
(c) a report on the operations of the Authority; and
(d) such other information as the Board may, before or after the completion of the annual report, direct.

(4) The Authority shall make available to the Minister responsible for finance in Zanzibar, a copy of the annual report after the end of each financial year.

(5) The Minister shall cause copies of the annual report of the Authority to be laid before the National Assembly within two months or at the next meeting of the National Assembly after he has received them.

[s. 22]

27. The Minister may whenever appropriate and upon such conditions as he may deem proper, appoint an auditor for auditing of accounts of any taxpayer who is suspected or is reasonably believed to engage in fraud or any other form of dishonesty.

[s. 3]

28. The Authority is hereby exempted from payment of any import and other duties, taxes and levies in respect of its operations, capital, property or documents or any transaction, deed, agreement, fees or promissory note to which it is a party.

[s. 24]

29. For the purposes of this Act, and notwithstanding any contrary provisions in any written law, where in any civil proceedings by or against the Authority, any order, including an order as to costs, is made by a court in favour of any person against the Authority or against an officer of the Authority as such, or where the court has to issue an order for execution, attachment or process in the nature thereof, all the provisions of section 15 of the Government Proceedings Act shall apply to the suit as if the suit were a proceeding by or against the Government, the Authority were a Government Department and its officers were officers of the Government.

[s. 25]

30. The Commissioner-General shall after the end of every three months submit to the President and the Minister a report containing –
(a) financial statements;
(b) performance indicators and any other related information;
(c) the operations of the Authority; and
(d) such other information as the Board may deem proper.

[s. 26]

31.-(1) The Head of Internal Audit shall in addition to any other functions assigned to him by the Board or the Commissioner-General, be responsible for the internal audit of the Authority's accounts and shall
submit to the Commissioner-General a report in respect of every three
months of a financial year.

(2) The Commissioner-General shall submit the report referred to
in subsection (1) to the Board for its consideration at the next meeting of
the Board and shall provide a copy of the report to the Minister and the
Controller and Auditor-General.

[s. 27]

PART VII
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Vesting of assets and liabilities, subsisting contracts and pending proceedings

32.- (1) All property, except any such property as the Minister may
determine, which immediately before the commencement of this Act was
vested in the Government for the use of the Revenue Departments for the
purpose of giving effect to the laws set out in the First Schedule shall, on
the date of commencement of this Act, and without further assurance, vest
in the Authority subject to all interests, liabilities, charges, obligations and
trust affecting that property.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) in relation to
property, contracts, debts, engagements and liabilities of the Government
attributable to the Revenue Departments shall remain vested in the
Authority and may be enforced by or against the Authority.

(3) All legal proceedings and claims pending in respect of revenue
to which the laws set out in the First Schedule apply shall be continued or
enforced by or against the Authority in the same manner as they would
have been continued or enforced if the Act had not been enacted.

[s. 28]

Construction and modification of other laws

33.- (1) On and after the coming into force of this Act all references
to a revenue commissioner in any law or any specified provisions of the
laws set out in the First Schedule shall be construed as references to the
Commissioner-General of the Authority.

(2) The Minister may, with the approval signified by resolution of
the National Assembly and by statutory instrument amend any revenue law
(other than the Constitution) for the purpose of bringing that law into
conformity with this Act.

[s. 29]

Offences

34. Any person who for the purposes of this Act –

(a) without lawful excuse or justification, fails to comply with an
order made under this Act;

(b) furnishes any information or produces any document which is
false or misleading in a material particular;

(c) obstructs any officer in the performance of his functions under
this Act; or

(d) otherwise contravenes this Act,
is guilty of an offence, and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five
hundred thousand shillings and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding
two years.

[s. 30]
35. Except for a person or an individual whose income is chargeable to tax in accordance with the provisions of Part II, particulars furnished in respect of an application for a taxpayer identification number shall not be a basis for provisional assessment of tax.

36. [Repeals the Tanzania Revenue Board Act].

37. Subject to the provisions of this Act, any right of any person, including a right of appeal, subsisting against a revenue Commissioner immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be treated as subsisting against the Commissioner-General in so far as that right relates to the duties of the Commissioner-General under this Act.

38. The Minister may, after consultation with the Authority make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.
FIRST SCHEDULE
(Section 5(1)(a))

3. The East African Customs Management Act [incorporated into Cap. 403].
5. The Excise (Management and Tariff) Act, Cap. 147.
7. The Road and Fuel Tolls Act, Cap. 220.
8. The Hotels Act, Cap. 105.
9. The Motor Vehicle Benefit Tax Act was repealed by Act No. 18 of 2002 s. 6.
13. [The Specified Buildings Tax Act has been repealed by Act No. 13 of 1996, s. 55.]
15. The Port Service Charges Act, Cap. 264.
16. [The Video Business Regulation Act has been repealed by Act No. 13 of 1996, s. 55.]
17. The Traffic Foreign Vehicles Rules, [See The Road Traffic Act, Cap. 168.]
18. [The Training Levy [Imposition] Act has been repealed by Act No. 13 of 1996, s. 55.]
19. [The Housing Levy Act was repealed by Act No. 14 of 2001, s. 40.]
20. The Customs and Excise Management Act, [incorporated into Cap. 403].
21. [The Foreign Commercial Vehicles (Licensing) Act was repealed by Act No. 19 of 1995.]
23. The East African Excise Management Act, [incorporated into Cap. 147].
25. The Cashewnut Board of Tanzania Act, Cap. 203.
26. Any other law which may come into force enacted to mobilise and collect revenue.
# SECOND SCHEDULE

(Section 12(1))

## Meetings of the Board

1.-(1) The first meeting of the Board shall be convened by the Chairman and subsequently the Board shall meet as often as necessary for the transaction of business at such places and at such times as may be decided upon by the Board, but it shall meet at least once every month.

   (2) The Chairman shall preside at every meeting of the Board and in his absence the members present may appoint a member from among themselves to preside at that meeting.

   (3) The Chairman or, in his absence, a member appointed by the Board to act in his place may at any time call a special meeting upon written request by a majority of the members.

   (4) Notice of a Board meeting shall be given in writing to each member at least five days before the day of the meeting but an urgent meeting may be called at not less than five days' notice at the request of two or more members.

## Quorum

2. Subject to subparagraph (4)(b) of paragraph 4 of this Schedule, five members shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Board.

## Decision of the Board

3.-(1) All questions proposed at a meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and in the event of an equality of votes, the person presiding shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

   (2) A decision may be made by the Board without a meeting by circulation of the relevant papers among the members of the Board and by the expression of the views of the majority of the members in writing but any member shall be entitled to require that the decision be deferred and the matter on which a decision is sought be considered at a meeting of the Board.

## Disclosure of interest

4.- (1) A member of the Board who has a direct or indirect personal interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered by the Board shall, as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest to the Board.

   (2) A disclosure of interest under subparagraph (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board and the member making such disclosure shall not, unless the Board otherwise determines in respect of that matter –

   (a) be present during any deliberation on the matter by the Board;

   (b) take part in the decision of the Board.

   (3) For the purpose of the making of a decision by the Board under subparagraph (2) in relation to a member who has made a disclosure under subparagraph (1), the member who has made such disclosure shall not –

   (a) be present during the deliberations of the Board for the making of the determination; or

   (b) influence any other member or participate in the making by
the Board of the determination.

(4) When there is no quorum for the continuation of a meeting only because of the exclusion of a member from the deliberations on a matter in which he has disclosed a personal interest, the other members present may -

(a) postpone the consideration of the matter until a quorum, without that member, is realised; or

(b) proceed to consider and decide the matter as if there was a quorum.

5.- (1) The Board shall cause the minutes of all proceedings of its meetings, to be recorded and kept and the minutes of each meeting shall be confirmed by the Board at the next meeting and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

(2) The Chairman of the Board shall submit to the Minister a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Board as soon as the minutes have been confirmed.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the Board may regulate its own proceedings.