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An Act to repeal and replace the Barbados Chamber of Commerce (Incorporation) Act, 1868. 1983-10.

[4th April, 1983] Commence-
ment.

WHEREAS the Barbados Chamber of Commerce was incorporated by the *Barbados Chamber of Commerce (Incorporation) Act, 1868*;

AND WHEREAS it is thought expedient to widen the objectives and functions of that Association in the interest *inter alia* of promoting and encouraging in Barbados of manufacturing operations suitable to the country and capable of making contributions to the economic development of the country:

1. This Act may be cited as the *Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry Act*. Short title.

2. For the purposes of this Act

“the Chamber” means the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry established under section 3;

“the Council” means the governing body of the Chamber established under section 5;

“the former Chamber” means the Barbados Chamber of Commerce established under the *Barbados Chamber of Commerce (Incorporation) Act, 1868*.

Interpre-
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Establish-
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Barbados
Chamber of
Commerce
and Indus-
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3. (1) For the purposes of this Act, the President, other officers and members of the former Chamber, and all persons who may hereafter become President, other officers or members of the Chamber in the manner specified in the rules, are hereby constituted a body corporate to be known as the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry hereinafter referred to as "the Chamber".

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(2) Subject to this Act, section 21 of the *Interpretation Act*, applies to the Chamber.

Functions
and objects
of the
Chamber.

4. The functions of the Chamber are

- (a) to promote measures calculated to benefit and protect the trading interests of its members and the general trade of Barbados;
- (b) to undertake by arbitration or otherwise the settlement of disputes arising out of trade, commerce or industry;
- (c) to promote and encourage the development in Barbados of manufacturing operations suitable to the community and capable of making contributions to the economic welfare and development of the country;
- (d) to encourage and assist manufacturers in Barbados in the use of efficient and modern methods of manufacture and the maintenance and proper standards of safety, labour relations, employees welfare, public relations and advertising;
- (e) to promote and encourage adherence by manufacturers in Barbados to proper standards and grades of quality in all manufactured products;
- (f) to promote and encourage the use by consumers, by advertising trade fairs or howsoever, of products manufactured in Barbados;
- (g) to assist in securing markets for both raw materials and finished products;
- (h) to consult together as to problems affecting local manufacturing industries and to take such action as it thinks fit;

- (i) to collect and disseminate statistical or other information relating to trade and industry, imports and exports, manufacturing processes and developments, wages and labour conditions, and any other matters that may be in the interest of the Chamber;
- (j) to promote, support or lawfully oppose any measures affecting the interest of the Chamber;
- (k) to borrow money either with or without security for any of the purposes of the Chamber;
- (l) to subscribe to any local or other charities and to grant donations for any public purpose;
- (m) to establish, support and to aid in the establishment and support of, any other associations formed for all or any of the objects of the Chamber;
- (n) to amalgamate with companies, institutions, associations or societies as it thinks fit;
- (o) to form associations with other Chambers of Commerce and other bodies for the advancement of trade and manufacture and the protection of traders and manufacturers;
- (p) to do such other things as may be conducive or incidental to the attainment of any of the purposes of the Chamber in the exercise of any of its functions.

5. The governing body of the Chamber shall be the Council consisting in the first instance of those persons who at 4th April, 1983 are members of the Council of the former Chamber and thereafter of such members to be elected or appointed in the manner specified in the rules.

Governing body of the Chamber.

6. The Council may delegate any of its functions to such committees as it may appoint for the purposes of this Act and the rules.

Delegation of functions.

7. No act done or proceedings taken under this Act shall be questioned on the ground

Validity of meetings of Council.

- (a) of the existence of any vacancy in the membership of, or any defect in the constitution of the Council; or

(b) of any omission, default or irregularity not affecting the merits of the case.

Rules.

8. (1) The Council may make rules for the purposes of carrying out the functions of the Chamber and in particular relating to

(a) the composition, manner of election and appointment of members and officers;

(b) the suspension, removal and expulsion of members;

(c) the management of the funds and property of the Chamber and the determination whether, and in what manner any part of the Chamber's funds may be invested;

(d) the appointment and functions of the employees of the Chamber;

(e) the custody of the property of the Chamber and the keeping and auditing of accounts;

(f) the grant of pensions, gratuities and other benefits to employees of the Chamber and their dependants and the grant of gratuities to the estates or dependants of deceased employees of the Chamber;

(g) the establishment and maintenance of medical benefit funds, superannuation funds, and provident funds and the contributions payable thereon and the benefits receivable therefrom; and

(h) the fines and penalties to be incurred for breach of any of the provisions of the rules.

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(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16(1) of the *Interpretation Act*, it shall not be necessary for rules made by the Council to be published in the *Official Gazette*.

Recovery of fines and penalties.

9. All fines and penalties accruing to the Chamber or any sum due and owing thereto by any member thereof may be recovered by the Chamber in civil proceedings before a Magistrate for District "A".

Transfer to Chamber of assets and liabilities of former Chamber.

10. (1) All property (including rights) vested immediately before 4th April, 1983 in the former Chamber shall, as from that date, be vested in the Chamber.

(2) All liabilities incurred by or on behalf of the former Chamber in respect of its functions under the *Barbados Chamber of Commerce Act, 1868* and the rules and regulations made thereunder, and which by this Act are to be performed by the Chamber and subsisting immediately before 4th April, 1983 shall, as from that date, have effect as if they had been incurred by the Chamber. 1868-7.

(3) All books, records, furniture, equipment and other things relating thereto in the possession of the former Chamber immediately before 4th April, 1983 shall immediately be delivered to the Chamber.

(4) Any contract made before the 4th April, 1983 by or on behalf of the former Chamber in respect of the functions to be transferred to the Chamber, shall, as from that date be construed with such modifications and adaptations as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

(5) Subject to this section, the Chamber shall have the like rights, powers, remedies (including in particular rights and powers as to taking legal proceedings) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing any rights or liabilities vesting in or attaching to the Chamber under this section as if they had at all times been rights and liabilities of the Chamber.

(6) All civil proceedings commenced before 4th April 1983 in any Court in Barbados by or against the former Chamber in respect of the functions to be transferred to the Chamber may be continued by or against the Chamber, and any such proceedings may be amended accordingly.

11. Any person who immediately before 4th April 1983 was employed in the service of the former Chamber shall, as from that date be transferred to the service of the Chamber.

Transfer of employees of former Chamber.