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(Repeal) Act **2024**

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**THE UGANDA EXPORT PROMOTIONS BOARD ACT
(REPEAL) ACT, 2024**

An Act to repeal the Uganda Export Promotions Board Act, Cap. 81 to enable the merger of the Uganda Export Promotions Board and the Uganda Free Zones Authority in order to give effect to the Government Policy on Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure and for related purposes.

DATE OF ASSENT: 15th July, 2024.

Date of Commencement: 16th August, 2024.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“agency” means a body established by an Act of Parliament and includes an authority;

“commission” means a body established by the Constitution;

“Government” means the Government of Uganda.

2. Objectives

(1) The main objective of this Act is to give effect to the Government Policy for Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure adopted by the Cabinet on 22nd February, 2021 and contained in Cabinet Minute No. 43(CT 2021).

(2) Without prejudice to the general effect of subsection (1), the following objectives shall be deemed to fall under the objective specified in that subsection—

- (a) the merging, mainstreaming and rationalisation of agencies, commissions, authorities and public expenditure thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- (b) the facilitation of efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of government agencies and departments and thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- (c) the promotion of coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for—
 - (i) ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments;
 - (ii) enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and
 - (iii) enforcing accountability; and
- (d) the restructuring and re-organisation of agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

3. Purpose of repeal of Cap. 81

The purpose of repealing the Uganda Export Promotions Board Act is to enable the merger of the Export Promotions Board and the Uganda Free Zones Authority into an entity called the Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotions Authority under the supervision of the Ministry responsible for trade.

4. Repeal of Cap. 81

(1) The Uganda Export Promotions Board Act is repealed.

(2) On the commencement of this Act, the Uganda Export Promotions Board shall be dissolved.

5. Savings

(1) The board members and staff of the Export Promotions Board who, because of the merger of the Uganda Free Zones Authority and the Uganda Export Promotions Board, are not appointed as members of the Board or staff of the Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotions Authority, shall be paid their terminal benefits in accordance with the terms and conditions of their service.

(2) Compensation is not payable to any member of board of the Uganda Export Promotions Board for loss of office resulting from the merger of Uganda Free Zones Authority and the Uganda Export Promotions Board.

(3) Any person employed by the Uganda Export Promotions Board immediately before the commencement of this Act whose services are transferred to the Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotions Authority shall transfer to the Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotions Authority on similar or better terms than those enjoyed by those employees before the transfer.

(4) On the commencement of this Act, all the property, assets, rights, obligations, and liabilities of the Uganda Export Promotions Board shall vest in the Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotions Authority.

(5) Any proceedings commenced by or against the Uganda Export Promotions Board may be continued by or against the Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotions Authority.

(6) A licence, permit, certificate or authorisation issued by the Uganda Export Promotions Board which is in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall have effect from the commencement of this Act as if granted by the Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotions Authority.

(7) The terms and conditions, including the rights and obligations under a licence, permit, certificate or authorisation in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall not be less favourable than those that applied immediately before the commencement of this Act.