

BANANA INDUSTRY ACT.

New South Wales



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Act No. 38, 1969.

An Act to provide for the constitution of a Banana Marketing Control Committee and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to provide for the taking of polls of banana growers prior to the formation and dissolution of the Committee; to provide for the issue of directions by the Committee relating to the marketing of bananas and for the imposition by it of certain charges; to provide for the taking of polls of banana growers prior to the issue of those directions or the imposition of those charges; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 17th April, 1969.]

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by No. 38, 1969 and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

PART I.**PRELIMINARY.**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Banana Industry Act, 1969". Short title and commencement.

(2) This Act shall commence upon a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

2. This Act shall be read and construed as operating to the full extent of, but so as not to exceed, the legislative powers of the State, to the intent that where any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person, subject-matter or circumstance would, but for this section have been construed as being in excess of those powers, it shall be a valid provision to the extent to which it is not in excess of those powers, and the remainder of the Act and the application of the provision to other persons, subject-matters or circumstances shall not be affected. Construction of Act.

3. This Act is divided into Parts as follows :— Division into Parts.

PART I.—PRELIMINARY—ss. 1-4.

PART II.—POLLS OF BANANA GROWERS—ss. 5, 6.

PART III.—CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE—ss. 7-9.

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Interpre-
tation.

4. In this Act, except in so far as the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires—

“advertisement” means advertisement published in the official journal of the Federation;

“bananas” means bananas grown in New South Wales;

“banana grower” or “grower” means any person by whom or on whose behalf bananas are grown on not less than one acre of land, whether or not the bananas are grown or produced pursuant to a share-farming agreement or partnership agreement, oral or written, but does not include a person engaged as an employee on wages or salary or at piece-work rates;

“Committee” means the Banana Marketing Control Committee constituted under section seven of this Act;

“Federation” means Banana Growers Federation Co-operative Limited, a society registered under the Co-operation, Community Settlement, and Credit Act, 1923, as subsequently amended;

“marketing”, in relation to bananas or any product thereof, means the harvesting, preparation, processing and packing of bananas or any product thereof for sale by wholesale and the sale thereof by wholesale and the shipping, transporting, storing and handling of bananas or any product thereof for the purpose of any such sale and the transmission thereof from the grower to any person selling by wholesale and all actions or things connected therewith or incidental thereto;

“prescribed” means prescribed by this Act or by the regulations;

“proclamation” means proclamation published in the Gazette;

“regulations” means regulations made under this Act;

“sell”

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“sell” includes barter and exchange; and “sale” has a No. 38, 1969 corresponding meaning;

“this Act” includes regulations made under this Act.

PART II.

POLLS OF BANANA GROWERS.

5. (1) A poll for the purposes of this Act shall be a poll **Polis.** taken, as prescribed, among banana growers.

(2) A poll for the purposes of Part III of this Act—

- (a) shall be taken, where the question to be decided is whether the Committee should be constituted, only at the request, by petition to the Governor, of not less than one hundred persons certified by the Federation to be banana growers;
- (b) shall be taken, where the question to be decided is whether the Committee should be dissolved, only at the request, by petition to the Governor lodged not earlier than five years after the constitution of the Committee, of not less than one hundred persons certified by the Committee to be banana growers;
- (c) shall, where so requested, be taken on a day notified by the Governor for the purpose by proclamation, being a day not earlier than thirty days after publication of the proclamation or, where the Governor by a subsequent proclamation notifies a later day for the purpose, on that later day;
- (d) shall be deemed not to be in favour of the question to be decided at the poll unless—
 - (i) not less than three-fifths of the persons required to vote at the poll have so voted; and
 - (ii) a majority of the votes at the poll is in favour of the question; and

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(e) shall not, where the poll is required to be taken by a person other than the Federation or the Committee, be taken unless the Federation or the Committee has first made provision, as prescribed, for the costs and expenses of the poll.

(3) A poll for the purposes of section eleven or twelve of this Act—

(a) shall be taken by the Committee and shall be so taken on a day notified by the Committee by advertisement for the purpose or, where the Committee by a subsequent advertisement notifies a later day for the purpose, on that later day;

(b) shall be deemed not to be in favour of the question to be decided at the poll unless a majority of votes at the poll is in favour of the question.

(4) The regulations may make provision for and with respect to—

(a) the payment to the Federation by the Committee; and

(b) the recovery by the Federation from the Committee, of costs and expenses paid by the Federation in respect of a poll.

List of
banana
growers.

6. (1) For the purposes of a poll, the Minister shall cause a list to be compiled, as prescribed, of banana growers.

(2) Where, after application made, as prescribed, for the purpose, the name of a person is not included in the list compiled under subsection one of this section, that person may apply as prescribed to a court of petty sessions holden before a stipendiary magistrate for an order that his name be included in that list.

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(3) A court to which application is made under sub-section two of this section shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the matter of the application and may—

- (a) order that the name of the applicant be included in the list compiled under subsection one of this section; or
- (b) dismiss the application.

and upon any order being made under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the name of the applicant shall be included in that list.

(4) Where the name of a person appears on the list compiled under subsection one of this section for a poll and that person fails to vote at the poll, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding four dollars.

(5) Where the name of a person does not appear on the list compiled under subsection one of this section for a poll and he votes at the poll, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

PART III.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

7. (1) Subject to a poll being taken and being in favour of the Committee being constituted, the Governor may, by proclamation, appoint a day for the constitution of the Committee and, on that day, the Committee shall be deemed to have been constituted in accordance with this Part.

- (2) The Committee shall consist of—
- (a) one officer of the public service appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister for such term, not exceeding five years, as may be specified in the instrument of appointment;
 - (b) one person appointed by the Minister to represent the interests of consumers; and

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(c) the persons for the time being holding office as members of the Board of Directors of the Federation.

(3) A person appointed as a member of the Committee on the nomination of the Minister shall, on the expiration of his term of office, be eligible for reappointment.

(4) Where a person appointed as a member of the Committee on the nomination of the Minister vacates his office otherwise than on the expiration of his term of office, the Governor may, on the nomination of the Minister, appoint an officer of the public service or such other person referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection two of this section, as the case may be, to the vacant office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

(5) Each member of the Committee, other than officers of the public service, shall receive such remuneration, and each member of the Committee shall receive such allowances, as the Committee may, with the approval of the Minister, from time to time determine.

(6) Where by or under any Act provision is made requiring the holder of an office specified therein to devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office, or prohibiting him from engaging in employment outside the duties of his office, that provision shall not operate to disqualify him from holding that office and also the office of a member of the Committee.

(7) The office of a member of the Committee shall not for the purposes of any Act be deemed to be an office or place of profit under the Crown.

(8) The provisions of the Public Service Act, 1902, as subsequently amended, shall not apply to or in respect of the appointment by the Governor of any member of the Committee and any member so appointed shall not, in his capacity as such a member, be subject to the provisions of that Act as so amended, during his term of office.

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(9) A member of the Committee appointed on the nomination of the Minister shall be deemed to have vacated his office—

- (a) if he dies;
- (b) if he becomes bankrupt, compounds with his creditors, or makes any assignment of his salary, remuneration, allowances or estate for their benefit;
- (c) if he is absent from four consecutive ordinary meetings of the Committee of which reasonable notice has been given him either personally or in the ordinary course of post unless on leave granted by the Committee or unless he is before the expiration of four weeks after the last of those meetings excused by the Committee for his absence from such meetings;
- (d) if he becomes a mentally ill person, a protected person or an incapable person within the meaning of the Mental Health Act, 1958, as subsequently amended;
- (e) if he is convicted in New South Wales of a felony or of a misdemeanour which is punishable by imprisonment for twelve months or upwards, or if he is convicted elsewhere than in New South Wales of an offence which if committed in New South Wales would be a felony or a misdemeanour which is punishable as aforesaid;
- (f) if he resigns his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Minister;
- (g) if he is removed from office by the Governor;
- (h) if he ceases to be an officer of the public service.

(10) The Governor may, for any cause which appears to him sufficient, remove from office any member of the Committee appointed on the nomination of the Minister.

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No. 38, 1969 **8.** (1) The Committee shall be a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue or be sued in its corporate name, and shall, subject to this Act, be capable of purchasing, holding, granting, demising, disposing of or otherwise dealing with real and personal property, and of doing and suffering all such acts and things as bodies corporate may by law do and suffer.

Committee
to be body
corporate—
proceedings
of
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(2) The corporate name of the Committee shall be "Banana Marketing Control Committee".

(3) The common seal shall be kept in the custody of the Chairman of the Committee and shall not be affixed to any instrument except in pursuance of a resolution of the Committee.

Any instrument executed in pursuance of any such resolution shall be attested by the signature of any two members.

(4) The procedure for the calling of meetings of the Committee and for the conduct of business at those meetings shall, subject to this Act and any regulations in relation thereto, be as determined by the Committee.

(5) The members of the Committee present at the first meeting of the Committee shall elect a member to be Chairman and, where he, or any succeeding Chairman, ceases to be a member of the Committee or resigns his office as Chairman, the members of the Committee shall elect some other member to be Chairman.

(6) The Chairman, or in the absence of the Chairman, a member chosen by the members present at the meeting to act as Chairman, shall preside at any meeting of the Committee.

(7) A majority of the members of the Committee for the time being shall form a quorum and any duly convened meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present shall
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be competent to transact any business of the Committee and shall have and may exercise and discharge all the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Committee. No. 38, 1969

(8) The Chairman or member acting as Chairman at any meeting of the Committee shall, in the event of an equality of votes, have in addition to a deliberative vote a second or casting vote.

(9) A decision of the majority of the members present at a meeting of the Committee shall be the decision of the Committee.

(10) The Committee shall cause full and accurate minutes to be kept of its proceedings at meetings, and shall submit to the Minister a copy of the minutes of each meeting within two weeks after the day on which it is held.

(11) No act or proceeding of the Committee shall be invalidated or prejudiced by reason only of the fact that at the time when the act or proceeding was done, taken or commenced, there was a vacancy in the office of a member.

(12) No matter or thing done, and no contract entered into by the Committee, and no matter or thing done by any member or by any other person whomsoever acting under the direction of the Committee shall, if the matter or thing was done or the contract was entered into bona fide for the purpose of executing this Act, subject them or any of them personally to any action, liability, claim or demand whatsoever.

(13) The Committee shall not, for any purpose, be a statutory body representing the Crown.

9. (1) Subject to a poll being taken and being in favour of the dissolution of the Committee, the Committee shall, on and from a day appointed by the Governor for the purpose by proclamation, being a day not later than six months after the taking of the poll, proceed to wind up its affairs unless

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No. 38, 1969 by the same or a subsequent proclamation, the Governor appoints a person to be liquidator to wind up the affairs of the Committee.

(2) Upon the appointment of a liquidator under subsection one of this section, the members of the Committee shall cease to act as such members and the liquidator may, for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Committee, in the name and as the act and, where necessary, under the seal of the Committee—

- (a) exercise and perform such of the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Committee;
- (b) bring and defend such proceedings; and
- (c) do and execute such other acts and things, as he thinks fit.

(3) A liquidator appointed under subsection one of this section shall receive such remuneration as the Governor determines.

(4) The Governor may, at any time after the day appointed under subsection one of this section, declare by proclamation that the Committee is dissolved and thereupon—

- (a) the dissolution of the Committee shall be deemed to have been effected; and
 - (b) all moneys and other assets of the Committee—
 - (i) shall vest in Her Majesty; and
 - (ii) shall be dealt with and disposed of as the Governor may direct.
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PART IV.

POWERS, AUTHORITIES, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
COMMITTEE.

10. (1) For the purposes of and subject to this Act, the Committee may—

- Powers, authorities, duties and functions of Committee.**
- (a) arrange for the marketing of bananas or of any product thereof;
 - (b) by order, exempt from the operation of this Act a banana grower who produces a small quantity of bananas;
 - (c) establish a system of inspection of bananas;
 - (d) arrange for the supervision of the marketing of bananas;
 - (e) enter into any agreements and give guarantees and indemnities in favour of any person who contracts with the Committee or enters into any agreements at the request of or under the authority or direction of the Committee;
 - (f) enter upon and carry into execution the marketing and transporting of bananas from any plantation to rail head or markets;
 - (g) support, with or without grant of financial aid and whether or not initiated by the Committee, any scheme or activity which, in the opinion of the Committee, is capable of assisting in the promotion of the sale of bananas;
 - (h) acquire land, machinery (including refrigerating machinery and machinery suitable for the ripening of bananas) plant, goods, chattels and effects;
 - (i) erect, maintain, repair, operate, regulate, use and regulate the use of buildings (including buildings for cold storage and the inspection, sorting and ripening of bananas) and all machinery and plant used in connection therewith;

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- (j) charge a fee whenever the Committee supplies any service, product or commodity or gives any permission;
- (k) enter into and carry out such contracts and do and suffer all such other acts and things as may be necessary and convenient for the purposes of this Act;
- (l) appoint, employ, or authorise agents, officers, servants and other persons;
- (m) arrange for financial accommodation with any bank, or with any other institution or person approved by the Governor, and give such securities therefor as may be required;
- (n) as far as practicable, provide bananas for consumption in New South Wales, and for their supply to those places within New South Wales wherein a shortage of bananas is experienced;
- (o) make such arrangements as it deems necessary with regard to sales of bananas for export or for consignment to other countries or States or for oversea ships' stores;
- (p) do such supplemental, incidental and consequential acts as may be necessary or expedient for the exercise or discharge of its powers, authorities, duties and functions under this Act.

(2) If at any time any question or dispute arises between the Committee and any banana grower as to whether or not any matter with regard to which the Committee is exercising or performing or proposes to exercise or perform any of the powers, authorities, duties or functions conferred or imposed upon it by this Act ought to be made the subject of a direction under section twelve of this Act before the exercise or performance thereof, the question or dispute shall be referred by the Committee to the Minister, who shall consider the matter and determine the question or dispute, and his determination thereon shall be final and without appeal to any tribunal.

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11. (1) Subject to this section, the Committee may, with **No. 38, 1969** the prior approval of the Minister, impose on all banana growers a charge, not exceeding ten cents per bushel, in respect of all bananas produced by them for sale. Power to impose charge on bananas.

(2) The Committee shall not impose a charge under subsection one of this section unless—

- (a) it has given notice by advertisement of its intention so to do and has specified in the advertisement the amount of the proposed charge;
- (b) it has taken a poll on the question whether the charge should be imposed, if it is requested so to do by a petition lodged with the Committee not more than thirty days after publication of the advertisement, by not less than one hundred banana growers; and
- (c) any poll so taken is in favour of the imposition of the charge.

(3) Subject to subsections one and two of this section, the Committee may impose the charge specified in an advertisement under subsection two of this section by publishing, not earlier than thirty days after publication of that advertisement, a further advertisement specifying—

- (a) that the provisions of this section have been complied with;
- (b) the amount of the charge; and
- (c) the day (being a day not earlier than the day of publication of the further advertisement) as on and from which the charge is imposed.

(4) The proceeds of all fees collected and charges imposed by the Committee under this Act shall be applied—

- (a) in defraying the proper costs and expenses of the Committee incurred in the exercise or performance of the powers, authorities, duties and functions conferred or imposed upon it by this Act;

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- (b) in establishing and maintaining a fund for the purposes of effecting or providing for the orderly marketing and marketing development of bananas and for research into, and development of, the processing of banana by-products for the benefit of banana growers generally; and
- (c) in establishing and maintaining such other funds for effecting any other special object which the Committee considers to be of advantage to, and in the common interest of, banana growers generally.

(5) Any amount payable by a banana grower in respect of a charge imposed under this section, shall become due and payable by him fourteen days after the receipt by him of a notice from the Committee notifying him that the charge has been imposed.

**Power of
Committee
to issue
directions.**

12. (1) Subject to this section, the Committee may give a direction—

- (a) that all or any of the things included in the marketing of bananas shall be done only by the Committee, its agents and servants, or only by a specified person or specified persons or a specified class of persons;
- (b) that all bananas that, during a specified period, are in the possession of or come into the possession of any person in the course, or for the purpose, of the marketing thereof shall be handled and dealt with only under the instructions and with the authority of the Committee, or shall be consigned or delivered only to specified persons or a specified class, or specified classes, of persons.

(2) A direction given under subsection one of this section—

- (a) may be expressed to extend to all bananas or to a specified class, or to specified classes, of bananas;

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- (b) may be expressed to extend throughout the State No. 38, 1969 or to any specified part thereof, or locality therein, within specified boundaries;
 - (c) may be expressed to extend to the complete marketing of bananas or only to specified phases of such marketing;
 - (d) shall specify the length of the period for which the direction is to remain in force.

(3) A direction issued under this section may specify the circumstances in which and the terms and conditions on which, the direction shall not apply to or in respect of—

- (a) growers of bananas who, in the opinion of the Committee, produce a small quantity of bananas;
- (b) sales of bananas direct to local consumers or to retail vendors; or
- (c) such other sales, purchases or receipts of bananas as may be specified,

and the Committee's decision as to whether any particular person or sale, purchase or receipt of bananas falls within the limits of any such exemption shall be final.

The Committee may, at any time by notice in writing to a banana grower exempted from the operation of a direction, revoke the exemption of that grower.

(4) The Committee shall not give a direction under subsection one of this section unless—

- (a) it has published an advertisement giving notice of its intention to give the direction, setting forth the proposed direction, and specifying the length of the period for which the direction would remain in force;
- (b) it has taken a poll on the question whether the direction should be given, if it is requested so to do by a petition, lodged with the Committee within thirty days after publication of the advertisement, by not less than one hundred banana growers; and
- (c)

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- (c) any poll so taken is in favour of the direction being given.

(5) Subject to subsections one, two and three of this section the Committee may give the direction specified in the advertisement under subsection four of this section by publishing, not earlier than thirty days after publication of that advertisement, a further advertisement—

- (a) specifying that the provisions of this section have been complied with;
- (b) setting forth the direction;
- (c) specifying the day (being a day not earlier than the day of publication of the further advertisement) as on and from which the direction is to take effect; and
- (d) specifying the length of the period for which the direction is to remain in force.

(6) A person who—

- (a) fails to comply with or contravenes any provision of a direction given under this section;
- (b) buys or accepts delivery of bananas from any person who sells or delivers those bananas in contravention of such a direction; or
- (c) offers by advertisement (in any manner) or otherwise to buy or to accept delivery of bananas from any person who upon accepting that offer by selling or delivering those bananas would contravene such a direction,

shall, if he is a banana grower or a person, not being a banana grower, upon whom the Committee by certified mail has served a copy of the advertisement by which the direction was given, be guilty of an offence against this Act unless he is a person exempted from the operation of the direction.

(7) A direction given under this section may be revoked by the Committee by a notice published in the official journal of the Federation.

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13. (1) The Committee may—

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- (a) by advertisement require all banana growers or a specified class or specified classes of banana growers; or
- (b) by notice sent by certified mail, require a person, whether or not he is a banana grower, associated with the marketing of bananas,

to furnish in writing to the Committee within a time specified for the purpose in the advertisement or notice, as the case may be, such information in relation to bananas and any product thereof as is specified in the advertisement or notice, as the case may be.

(2) An advertisement or notice referred to in subsection one of this section may require—

- (a) particulars of bananas by reference to type, variety, grade, quality and quantity;
- (b) in the case of a banana grower—
 - (i) particulars of the number of plants by reference to age, type and variety which he is growing for the purpose of the production and sale of bananas; and
 - (ii) an estimate, as far as is practicable, of bananas by reference to type, variety, grade, quality and quantity which he expects to produce for the purpose of marketing within any period specified in the notice.

(3) Any person who—

- (a) without reasonable excuse refuses or fails to comply with a requirement under this section; or
- (b) furnishes to the Committee under this section any information which to his knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular,

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

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PART V.

FINANCE.

Accounts
to be kept
by the
Committee.

14. The Committee shall cause to be kept proper books of account in relation to all of its operations, and shall, as soon as practicable after the thirtieth day of June in each year or, where some other day is prescribed for the purposes of this section, as soon as practicable after the day so prescribed, prepare and transmit to the Minister a statement of accounts in a form approved by the Auditor-General showing a true and correct view of the financial position and transactions of the Committee and each such statement of accounts shall be exhibited in such manner and at such times as may be prescribed.

Audit of
accounts.

15. (1) The accounts of the Committee shall be audited by the Auditor-General who shall have, in respect thereof, all the powers conferred on him by any law for the time being in force relating to the audit of public accounts, and the Audit Act, 1902, as subsequently amended, shall apply to the members of the Committee and its servants in the same manner as it applies to accounting officers of Public Departments.

(2) The Auditor-General shall report to the Minister and the Committee—

(a) whether or not in his opinion—

(i) the expenditure incurred has been duly authorised, vouched and supervised;

(ii) any of the moneys or other property of the Committee has been misappropriated or improperly or irregularly dealt with; and

(b) as to any other matters which in his judgment call for special notice or which are prescribed.

(3) Towards defraying the costs and expenses of an audit under this section, the Committee shall pay to the Consolidated Revenue Fund such sums, at such times, as the Treasurer may decide.

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GENERAL.

16. As soon as practicable after the thirtieth day of June in each year or, where some other day is prescribed for the purposes of this section, as soon as practicable after the day so prescribed, the Committee shall prepare and furnish to the Minister a report on the operations and activities of the Committee during the next preceding year ending on the thirtieth day of June or the next preceding year ending on the day so prescribed, as the case may be. ^{Annual report.}

The Minister shall lay such report, or cause it to be laid, before both Houses of Parliament as soon as practicable after receipt by him of the report.

17. The Committee shall, in addition to any other report it may be required to prepare and furnish under this Act, furnish to the Minister, within a time specified by him, such reports on the operations of the Committee as the Minister may direct. ^{Minister may require further reports.}

18. It shall not be lawful for the Committee to expend any of its funds for any purpose whatsoever in connection with the politics of any political party, nor shall the Committee become affiliated in any way whatsoever with any body, association or organisation having for its object or any of its objects the support of the politics or programme or aims of any political party. ^{Board not to be concerned in party politics.}

19. All courts and persons having by law or consent of parties authority to hear, receive and examine evidence— ^{Judicial notice of the seal of the Committee.}

(a) shall take judicial notice of the seal of the Committee affixed to any document; and

(b) shall until the contrary is proved presume that the seal was properly affixed thereto.

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No. 38, 1969 **20.** (1) Any notice, summons, writ or other proceeding required to be served on the Committee under this Act or the regulations may be served by being left at the office of the Committee, or, in the case of a notice, by post.

Service of notices of proceedings.

(2) Except where this Act or the regulations otherwise provide, any notice that is required to be given or that may be given by the Committee under this Act or the regulations shall be deemed to have been duly given if sent by post in a letter addressed to the person to be served at his place of abode or business in New South Wales last known to the Committee, and the notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time when a letter so posted should in the ordinary course be delivered.

21. Any penalty imposed by this Act or the regulations may be recovered in a summary manner before a stipendiary magistrate or any two justices in petty sessions.

Recovery of penalty.

22. (1) Any charge, fee, remuneration or money due to the Committee under the provisions of this Act or the regulations may be recovered as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Recovery of charges, etc.

(2) Proceedings for the recovery of any charge, fee or money so due to the Committee shall be deemed to be for the recovery of a debt or liquidated demand within the meaning of—

- (a) section twenty-four of the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, as subsequently amended;
- (b) section sixty-four of the District Courts Act, 1912, as subsequently amended;
- (c) section twenty-five of the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1912, as subsequently amended.

(3) Where any matter or thing is by or under this Act directed or forbidden to be done, and that matter or thing if so directed to be done remains undone, or if so forbidden

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forbidden to be done is done, a person offending against the direction or prohibition shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. No. 38, 1969

(4) The institution of criminal proceedings against a person or the conviction of a person for any offence against this Act shall not affect any remedy to which any other person (including the Committee) aggrieved may be entitled to in any civil proceeding.

23. In any proceedings, whether at law or in equity— Evidence.

- (a) no proof shall be required, until evidence is given to the contrary, of—
- (i) the constitution of the Committee;
 - (ii) any resolution of the Committee;
 - (iii) the appointment of any member or any servant of the Committee;
 - (iv) the presence of a quorum at any meeting at which any determination is made or any act is done by the Committee;
- (b) any notification, requisition, demand, order, or other document in writing, purporting to be signed or made or sent by the Committee or the Chairman or Secretary thereof or the Minister shall be judicially noticed;
- (c) the production of a copy of the Gazette purporting to contain any proclamation, or a copy of the official journal of the Federation purporting to contain a copy of an advertisement or notice published by the Committee under this Act shall, until the contrary is proved, be evidence of the matters contained in the proclamation, advertisement or notice and that all steps necessary to be taken prior to the making of the proclamation or publication of the advertisement or notice were duly taken;
- (d)

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- No. 38, 1969** (d) the averment on behalf of the Committee that any bananas were or are bananas to which the provisions of this Act apply, or were or are bananas to which a direction in force under this Act applies, or that any place is a place in New South Wales, or that any person was or is a banana grower shall, until the contrary is proved, be evidence of that fact;
- (e) a certificate purporting to be signed by the prescribed officer of the Committee and to certify that on a specified day or during the whole of a specified period any person was or was not included in the list of banana growers compiled under this Act shall, without proof of the signature of the person purporting to sign the certificate or that he is the prescribed officer, be prima facie evidence of the matters certified in and by the certificate.
- Penalty.** **24.** Except where otherwise expressly provided by this Act, any person guilty of an offence against this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding four hundred dollars.
- Offences by companies and joint offenders.** **25.** The provisions of section thirty-two of the Marketing of Primary Products Act, 1927, as subsequently amended, shall apply to and in respect of offences against this Act.
- Authority of Federation.** **26.** A power, authority, duty or function conferred or imposed on the Federation or its directors or officers by or under this Act may, to the extent that but for this section the exercise or performance thereof would not be authorised by the rules of the Federation, be exercised or performed by the Federation as if it had been so authorised.
- Regulations.** **27.** (1) The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to—
- (a) any of the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Minister or the Committee under this Act;
- (b)

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- (b) the taking of any poll, including the method of No. 38, 1969 voting thereat;
- (c) matters concerning the compilation and revision of lists of banana growers required to vote at any poll;
- (d) matters concerning the method of determining the qualification of banana growers eligible to vote at any poll;
- (e) the manner in which the results of a poll taken under this Act shall be notified;
- (f) prescribing forms to be used for the purposes of this Act;
- (g) all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

(2) The regulations may prescribe a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars for any contravention of, or failure to comply with any provision of, the regulations, or any instruction, order or requirement given, or made under, or in force by virtue of, the regulations.

(3) A regulation may be of general operation or specially limited application according to time, place, circumstances or cases, and may be general or restricted to any specified class of subject matter.

The power to make regulations with respect to any matter or thing shall include the powers to make regulations prohibiting that matter or thing either generally or to meet particular cases.

(4) The regulations shall—

- (a) be published in the Gazette;
- (b) take effect from the date of publication or from a later date to be specified in the regulations; and
- (c)

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(c) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen sitting days after publication if Parliament is in session and, if not, then within fourteen sitting days after the commencement of the next session.

(5) If either House of Parliament passes a resolution of which notice has been given within fifteen sitting days after the regulations have been laid before the House disallowing the regulation or part thereof, such regulation or part shall thereupon cease to have effect.