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SUGAR INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUNDS ACT

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An Act to make provision for the establishment in respect of the Sugar Industry of a Price Stabilisation Fund, a Rehabilitation Fund and a Labour Welfare Fund and for purposes connected therewith.

[1st JANUARY, 1947]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Sugar Industry Special Funds Act.

Establishment of special funds.

2. For the purposes of this Act there is established by the Secretary to the Treasury in the accounts of Guyana the following special funds—

- (a) a Sugar Industry Price Stabilisation Fund:
- (b) a Sugar Industry Rehabilitation Fund; and
- (c) a Sugar Industry Labour Welfare
 Fund

Secretary to the Treasury to be trustee of special funds.

3. Subject to this Act, the Secretary to the Treasury is trustee of the special funds specified in section 2.

Investment of special funds and exemption of trustee from payment of income tax. 4. (1) The Secretary to the Treasury may, with the approval of the Minister, invest or place on deposit account any of the moneys of any of the special funds specified in section 2, and any interest earned on moneys so invested or deposited shall be placed to the credit of the appropriate special fund.

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(2) The Secretary to the Treasury, in his capacity as trustee of the special funds specified in section 2, is exempt from the payment of income tax under the Income Tax Act.

Amount to be levied on sugar exporters and paid to Comptroller of Customs. [23 of 1974 O. 43/1992 O. 2/1993 O. 33/1993]

- 5. (1) Subject to section 7, every exporter of sugar shall pay to the Comptroller of Customs an amount which shall be levied at the rate of five hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty cents on every ton of sugar, manufactured in Guyana on and after 1st January, 1993, which is exported therefrom.
- (2) The amount to be paid by an exporter of sugar under subsection (1) shall be levied and collected within ninety days after the date of exportation.
- (3) In default of payment when due of any amount payable under this section by an exporter of sugar, such amount, together with interest at the rate of six per cent per

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annum from the date the payment became due under subsection (2) shall, after demand for payment has been made by the Comptroller of Customs, be recovered by the Secretary to the Treasury against the exporter by parate execution.

Allocation to special funds of amounts paid under section 5. [23 of 1974 17 of 1991 O. 33/1993]

- 6. The Comptroller of Customs shall pay to the Secretary to the Treasury the amounts paid to him under section 5, and the Secretary to the Treasury, subject to section 7, shall allocate such amounts to the credit of the special funds specified in section 2 in the proportions hereinafter set out, that is to say —
 - Sugar Price (a) to the Industry Stabilisation Fund, a proportion equivalent to two dollars and fifty on every ton of sugar manufactured and exported;
 - (b) to the Sugar Industry Rehabilitation Fund, a proportion equivalent twelve dollars on every ton sugar manufactured and exported; and
 - (c) to the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, a proportion equivalent to five hundred dollars on every ton of sugar manufactured and exported:

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Provided that from the amounts pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) there shall be paid by the Secretary to the Treasury into the Cane Farmers Price Stabilisation Fund and the Cane Farmers Rehabilitation Fund respectively established by the Cane Farmers Special Funds Act sums equivalent in the aggregate to the sums allowed as deductions in respect of the Sugar Industry Price Stabilisation Fund and the Sugar Industry Rehabilitation Fund respectively when computing the price to be paid by a

c. 69:04 Subsidiary legislation. manufacturer of sugar cane under rule 11(2) of the Cane Farmers Contract (General Conditions) Rules, or otherwise; and such payments into the Funds shall be effected not later than the date on which the final payment is to be made to farmers under the said rule for the crop to which the computation relates.

Power of Minister to vary rates and proportions under sections 5 and 6, and to order a cessation of payments under section 5. [23 of 1974]

7. (1) The Minister may by order—

- (a) at any time and from time to time vary the rate specified in section 5(1);
- (b) at any time and from time to time vary the proportions set out in section6;
- (c) prescribe that the amount specified in section 5 shall cease to be levied, collected and paid in respect of sugar exported on or after a date specified in the order.
- (2) Where an order is made under subsection (1)(a) or (b), the rate as varied or the proportions as varied shall have effect as if the varied rate or the varied proportions were specified or set out in section 5(1), or in section 6, as the case may be.
- (3) Where an order is made under subsection (1)(c), the power of the Secretary to the Treasury under section 5(3) to recover any amount payable under that section but not paid before the date specified in the order shall continue to have effect in the same manner and to the same extent as if the order had not been made.

Committees to manage the special funds. [20 of 1951

8. (1) The Sugar Industry Price Stabilisation Fund and the Sugar Industry Rehabilitation Fund shall be controlled and administered by a Committee to be appointed by the 7 of 1977] Minister, and the Committee shall consist of the following members—

- (a) four persons nominated by the Guyana Sugar Corporation Limited;
- (b) one person who is a farmer within the meaning of the National Cane Farming Committee Act;
- (c) not less than two but not more than three persons nominated collectively by the trade unions concerned in the welfare of labour workers in the sugar industry; and
- (d) two public officers.
- (2) The Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund shall be controlled and administered by a Committee which shall be a body corporate to be appointed by the Minister, and the Committee shall consist of the following members—
 - (a) three persons nominated by the Guyana Sugar Corporation Limited;
 - (b) one person who is a farmer within the meaning of the National Cane Farming Committee Act;
 - (c) not less than two but not more than three persons nominated collectively by the trade unions concerned in the welfare of labour workers in the sugar industry; and
 - (d) two public officers.

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- (3) The seal of the Committee appointed under subsection (2) shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee or in such other manner as may be authorised by resolution of the Committee and every document purporting to be an instrument duly executed under the seal of the Committee shall be received in evidence and deemed, without further proof, to be so executed unless the contrary is proved.
- (4) All documents, other than those required by law to be under seal, made by, and all decisions of, the Committee appointed under subsection (2) may be signified under the hand of the Chairman of the Committee or the Secretary thereof, or by any person authorised by resolution of the Committee.

Regulations.

- **9.** (1) The Committee appointed under section 8(1), and the Committee appointed under section 8(2) may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations to provide for the following matters—
 - (a) the basis and the conditions on which disbursements from the appropriate special funds shall be allowed and authorised, and the procedure which shall govern the making of such disbursements;
 - (b) the keeping of proper records, and the keeping and rendering of detailed accounts, in relation to the appropriate special fund, and in particular the keeping and rendering of detailed accounts in respect of the portion of the special fund which relates to each exporter of sugar.
 - (2) The Minister may, with respect to matters not

specifically mentioned in subsection (1), make regulations and prescribe forms for carrying into effect the purposes of this Act, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision regulations may be made providing for the following matters—

- (a) the term of office of a member of a Committee, and the circumstances under which such office shall become vacant;
- (b) the appointment of a Chairman of a Committee;
- (c) the grant of leave of absence to a member of a Committee, and the appointment of another person during such leave;
- (d) the quorum required to be present for the transaction of business by a Committee.

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SUGAR INDUSTRY (REHABILITATION FUND) REGULATIONS

made under section 9(1)

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sugar Industry (Rehabilitation Fund) Regulations.

Interpretation. [reg. 8/1956]

2. In these Regulations –

"the Committee" means the Committee appointed under section 8 (1) of the Act to control and administer the Sugar Industry Rehabilitation Fund established under the Act;

"exporter" means any person operating a factory in Guyana and manufacturing sugar for export;

"the Fund" means the Sugar Industry Rehabilitation Fund established under the Act;

"rehabilitation" means the extension, renovation or reconstruction of any existing factory or ancillary building pertaining thereto, or the replacements or improvements to any existing plant or machinery in a factory, or the installation of any new plant, machinery, or engine in a factory for the purpose of increasing efficiency in production or for safeguarding any existing factory, but does not include normal maintenance;

"the Secretary" means the person appointed to discharge the duties of Secretary to the Committee under regulation 11(1) of the Sugar Industry (Rehabilitation and Price Stabilisation Committee) Regulations.

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Registration of exporters.

- **3.** The Secretary shall keep a register of exporters, and shall register therein every exporter who applies to be registered with the Committee together with the factories operated by him as hereinafter provided.
- **4.** Any exporter may apply in writing to be registered with the Committee, and every such exporter shall specify in his application the sugar factories operated by him.
- **5.** The Secretary shall issue a certificate of registration to every exporter registered by him as aforesaid.
- **6.** Every registered exporter shall notify the Committee in writing whenever any factory belonging to him changes ownership or ceases to manufacture sugar for export.

Quarterly statements to be submitted by registered exporters. 7. Every registered exporter shall, before the 31st January, the 30th April, the 31st July, and the 31st October of each year, submit to the Committee certified statements of all sugar exported by him during the preceding three months.

Duties of Secretary.

- 8. The Secretary shall keep a register showing
 - (a) the quantity of sugar exported from time to time by each exporter;
 - (b) the amount of the levy to be allocated to the Fund in respect of each exporter in accordance with section 6(b) of the Act;
 - (c) the date when payment of such levy is due; and
 - (d) the date when payment of such levy is made.

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- **9.** The Secretary shall keep such books of account and registers as are necessary to render detailed accounts in respect of such portions of the Fund as relate to each exporter.
- **10.** The Secretary shall keep a register of all claims made upon the Fund as hereinafter provided, and shall record therein the decisions of the Committee in respect of every such claim.
- 11. The Secretary shall, as soon as possible after the 31st December of each year, prepare and lay before the Committee preparatory to submission to the Minister a report upon the administration of the Fund during the preceding year, together with a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure.
- **12.** Copies of the annual reports and statements shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the Sugar Producers Association for distribution to each registered exporter.

Inspection of books of account.

13. All books of account, registers, and documents relating to the Fund shall be at all times open to inspection by any member of the Committee.

Allocation of interest.

14. Any interest earned on any moneys invested or deposited by the Secretary to the Treasury under the Act shall be allocated once in every year to such portions of the Fund relating to the various exporters in such proportions as the Committee may deem fit.

Annual audit.

15. The accounts of the Committee shall be audited once in every year by the Director of Audit, and the Committee shall pay therefor such fee as may be approved by the Minister.

Employees.

16. The Committee may employ such persons as they may think necessary, in addition to the Secretary, at such

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salaries as they may think fit.

Expenses.

17. All expenses arising out of the control and administration of the Fund shall be borne by the Fund, and shall be apportioned and charged to the Fund in any manner the Committee may think fit.

Claims which may be made on the Fund.

- 18. (1) Any registered exporter may claim to be reimbursed from the Fund for any work of rehabilitation carried out by him, or to be advanced any sum of money to defray the cost of any work of rehabilitation contemplated by him.
- (2) Any registered exporter making any claims as aforesaid shall declare in writing to the Committee
 - (a) the amount claimed;
 - (b) the nature of the work of rehabilitation already carried out or in process of being carried out or contemplated; and
 - (c) the actual or estimated cost, as the case may be.
- (3) Every claim for reimbursement shall be accompanied by a certified statement as to the amount expended, and that such sum was utilised solely on the work mentioned in the claim.
- (4) Any registered exporter to whom payment of any sum of money from the Fund has been made under these Regulations, shall within six months of the date of the completion of the work of rehabilitation in respect of which such payment has been made, submit to the Committee a statement certified by an auditor or such other person as may

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be approved by the Committee, of the expenditure incurred in respect of such work of rehabilitation.

Power of the Committee with regard to claims. 19. The Committee may, in their discretion, grant or refuse any claim made under the last preceding regulation or may authorise the payment of any smaller sum.

Power to enter and inspect factories in respect of which claims have been made. **20.** The Committee or any member thereof, or any person appointed by the Committee may, upon due notice being given, enter and inspect any factory in respect of which a claim has been made on the Fund.

Method of payment of disbursements and claims.

21. All disbursements and payments shall be made by the Secretary to the Treasury upon presentation of the relevant voucher, duly certified by the Chairman of the Committee and the Secretary.

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made under section 9(1)

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sugar Industry (Labour Welfare Fund) Regulations.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations –

"Committee" means the Committee appointed under section 8(2) of the Act to control and administer the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund established under the Act;

"exporter" means any person engaged in the manufacture of sugar for export;

"Fund" means the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund established under the Act;

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"labour worker" means -

- (a) any person engaged in manual labour in or about any work incidental to the production of sugar cane and the manufacture of sugar; and
- (b) any person engaged in the production of sugar cane for sale to an exporter;

"Secretary" means the person appointed to discharge the duties of Secretary to the Committee under regulation 11 of the Sugar Industry (Labour Welfare Committee) Regulations.

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Registration of exporters.

3. The Secretary shall keep a register of exporters and shall register therein every exporter who applies to be registered with the Committee.

Certificate of registration.

4. Every exporter shall register with the Committee and the Secretary shall issue a certificate of registration to every exporter registered by him as aforesaid.

Notification to Committee.

5. Every registered exporter shall notify the Committee in writing whenever he ceases to manufacture sugar for export.

Quarterly statements to be submitted by registered exporters. **6.** Every registered exporter shall, before the 31st January, the 30th April, the 31st July, and the 31st October of each year, submit to the Committee certified statements of all sugar manufactured by him and exported during the preceding three months.

Duties of Secretary.

- 7. The Secretary shall keep a register showing
 - (a) the quantity of sugar produced by each exporter and exported;

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- (b) the amount of levy to be allocated to the Fund under section 6(c) of the Act in respect of the quantities of sugar produced by each exporter and exported from time to time;
- (c) the date when payment of such levy is due; and
- (d) the date when payment of such levy is made.

Keeping of books of account and registers. **8.** The Secretary shall keep such books of account and registers as are necessary to render detailed accounts in respect of such portions of the Fund as relate to each exporter, and shall publish in the *Gazette* before the 31st January each year, a list of the exporters registered with the Committee.

Register of applications for disbursements.

9. The Secretary shall keep a register of all applications for disbursements from the Fund and shall record therein the decisions of the Committee in respect of each application.

Annual report, balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditure. 10. The Secretary shall, as soon as possible after the 31st December of each year, prepare and lay before the Committee a report upon the administration of the Fund during the preceding year, together with a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure, and the Committee shall, as soon as possible thereafter, submit such report, Balance Sheet and Statement to the Minister.

Distribution of annual reports and statements.

11. Copies of the annual reports and statements shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the Sugar Producers' Association for distribution to each registered exporter.

Inspection of books of

12. All books of account, registers and documents relating to the Fund shall be at all times open to inspection by

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account, etc.

any member of the Committee.

Allocation of interest. [Reg. 14/1968]

13. Any interest earned on any moneys invested or deposited by the Secretary to the Treasury under the Act shall be allocated at such time in every year as the Committee may deem fit to such portions of the Fund relating to the various exporters or to any special account established in accordance with these Regulations and in such proportions or in any other manner as the Committee may in its discretion decide.

Annual audit.

14. The accounts of the Committee shall be audited once in every year by the Director of Audit, and the Committee shall pay therefor such fee as may be approved by the Minister.

Employees.

15. The Committee may employ, in addition to the Secretary, such persons as they may consider necessary for the keeping of proper records, and for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of these Regulations.

Expenses.

16. All expenses arising out of the control and administration of the Fund shall be borne by the Fund, and shall be apportioned and charged to the Fund in any manner the Committee may think fit.

Disbursements from Fund. [Reg. 14/1968]

- **17.** (1) The Committee may make disbursement from the Fund for the benefit and welfare of labour workers.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing paragraph the Committee may make such disbursements for any of the following purposes:
 - (a) the housing of labour workers;
 - (b) the improvements of social conditions (including housing and recreational facilities) of labour workers;

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- (c) making loans or grants to labour workers approved by the Committee to enable such workers to erect and own houses on approved sites;
- (d) making loans to labour workers for any purposes approved by Committee;
- (e) the establishment of creches and the promotion of child welfare;
- (f) making grants and or loans to associations and bodies for such purposes and on such conditions as may be approved by the Committee;
- (g) the establishment of a pure water supply; and
- (h) the improvement of sanitation.
- (3) Any applicant for a loan or grant from the Fund for any of the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) shall make application in writing to the Committee, who may, in their discretion, grant or refuse such application.
- (4) Where any application is made by or on behalf of any labour worker under paragraph (3), the Committee may in its discretion charge any disbursement made either to that portion of the Fund relating to the exporter on whose behalf such labour worker is employed or to any special account established as herein provided.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Regulations, the Committee may –

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- (a) authorise the establishment of one or more special accounts under such description or designation as the Committee may deem fit;
- (b) authorise at any time or from time to time the transfer to any special account established as herein provided any part or portion of any amount standing at the credit of any exporter's allocation or account in the Fund;
- (c) authorise the disbursement for any particular or general purpose authorised by these Regulations, and irrespective of any exporter, sugar estate or labour worker concerned therewith, of all or any part of the amount at credit of any special account established as herein provided.

Power to enter and inspect premises or schemes in respect of which claims have been made. **18.** The Committee or any member thereof, or any person appointed by the Committee, may enter and inspect any premises or schemes in respect of which application has been made for any disbursement from the Fund or in respect of which a disbursement has been made.

Method of payment of disbursements and claims. [Reg. 21/1973]

19. All disbursements and payments shall be made by the Secretary on vouchers duly certified by the Chairman of the Committee and the Secretary or, in the absence of the Chairman, by any two members of the Committee and the Secretary.

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Sugar Industry (Price Stabilisation Fund) Regulations

Reg. 6/1966A

SUGAR INDUSTRY (PRICE STABILISATION FUND) REGULATIONS

made under section 9(1)

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sugar Industry (Price Stabilisation Fund) Regulations.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations –

"the Committee" means the Committee appointed under section 8 (1) of the Act to control and administer the Fund:

"the Fund" means the Sugar Industry Price Stabilisation Fund:

Expenses.

3. All expenses arising out of the control and administration of the Fund shall be borne by the Fund, and shall be apportioned and charged to the Fund in any manner the Committee may think fit.

Disbursement from Fund.

4. A disbursement may be made from the Fund for the purposes of price stabilisation in the sugar industry where the Committee considers it expedient that such disbursement be made.

Method of payment of disbursements.

5. All disbursements and payments shall be made by the Minister responsible for finance upon presentation of a voucher duly certified by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee.

Annual report, balance sheet and statement of revenue and

6. The Secretary shall, as soon as practicable after the 31st December of each year, prepare and lay before the Committee a report upon the administration of the Fund

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during the preceding year, together with a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure, and the Committee shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, submit such report, Balance Sheet and Statement to the Minister responsible for the administration of the Act in relation to the Fund.

Employees.

7. The Committee may employ such persons as they may think necessary, in addition to the Secretary, at such salaries as they may think fit.

Inspection of books of account, etc.

8. All books of account, registers, and documents relating to the Fund shall, at all times, be open to inspection by any member of the Committee.

Annual audit.

9. The accounts of the Committee shall, in so far as they relate to the Fund, be audited once in every year by the Director of Audit, and the Committee shall pay therefor such fee as may be approved by the Minister responsible for finance.

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SUGAR INDUSTRY (LABOUR WELFARE **COMMITTEE)** REGULATIONS

made under section 9(2)

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sugar Industry (Labour Welfare Committee) Regulations.

Interpretation. [Reg. 15/1963]

2. In these Regulations –

"the Committee" means the Committee appointed under section 8 (2) of the Act to control and administer the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund established under the Act;

"Minister" means Minister responsible for Labour.

Term of office of Committee.

3. The Committee shall remain in office for the term of two years from the date of its appointment and shall in the manner provided by the Act be re-appointed every two years.

Appointment of Chairman.

4. On the appointment of a Committee, and whenever there is a vacancy in the office of Chairman, the Minister shall appoint a member of the Committee to be Chairman.

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Quorum at meetings of Committee.

- **5.** (1) Three members present at any meeting of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (2) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee which he at ends, and in his absence the members present may elect one of their number to preside over the meeting.

Questions determined by majority of votes, and Chairman to have casting vote. **6.** Every question before the Committee shall be determined by the votes of a majority of the members present, and the Chairman or other presiding member shall have an original vote thereon and also a casting vote if the votes are equally divided.

Leave of absence.

- 7. (1) The Minister may grant leave of absence to any of the Committee.
- (2) Where leave has been granted, the Minister may, subject to the provisions of section 8(2) of the Act, appoint another person to act in the place of the member of the Committee who has been granted such leave.

Resignation. [Reg. 15/1963]

- **8.** (1) A member may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Minister, resign from the Committee.
- (2) Where a member, without the leave of the Minister, absents himself from three consecutive quarterly meetings of the Committee, he shall be deemed to have resigned.

Revocation of appointment to the Committee.

9. The Minister may, at any time, revoke the appointment of a member of the Committee.

Filling vacancies in the Committee.

 ${f 10.}(1)$ Where a vacancy in the Committee is occasioned by death, resignation or other cause, the Minister

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may, subject to the provisions of section 8(2) of the Act, appoint another person to be a member of the Committee for the remainder of its term.

(2) The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy among the members thereof

Appointment of Secretary of the Committee and other officers and servants [Reg. 15/1963]

- 11.(1) The Committee may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint some fit and proper person to be Secretary of the Committee at such salary as may be approved by the Minister, and the Secretary shall not be dismissed without the approval of the Minister.
- (2) The Committee may appoint and employ at such remuneration as it thinks fit such officers and such servants as it deems necessary:

Provided that no salary in excess of the rate of five thousand dollars *per annum* shall be assigned to any post under this subsection without the prior approval of the Minister.

Duties of Secretary.

- **12.**(1) The Secretary shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to him by the Committee, and shall on all occasions in the execution of his office act under the superintendence, control and direction of the Committee.
- (2) The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Committee and record correctly the minutes of the proceedings thereof.

Meetings of the Committee.

- **13.**(1) The Committee shall meet at least once in every three months on such date as may be fixed by the Committee.
- (2) The Committee shall also meet as often as it may be summoned either by direction of the Chairman or on the written requisition of at least four members of the

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Committee who shall sign the same. In such requisition there shall be stated the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and the requisition shall be delivered to the Secretary.

- (3) The Secretary shall summon a meeting of the Committee on, and in accordance with, the direction of the Chairman, and also within three days after the receipt by him of a requisition made in accordance with paragraph (2).
- (4) Every notice convening a meeting of the Committee shall state the time and place of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Travelling and subsistence expenses.

14. The reasonable travelling and subsistence expenses incurred by members of the Committee in attending meetings of the Committee, or while engaged on any business of the Committee, shall be paid by the Committee.

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Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sugar Industry (Re-habitation and Price Stabilisation Committee) Regulations.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations "the Committee" means the Committee appointed under section 8(1) of the Act to control and administer the Sugar Industry Price Stabilisation Fund and the Sugar Industry Rehabilitation Fund established under the Act.

Term of office of Committee.

3. The Committee shall remain in office for the term of two years from the date of its appointment and shall in the manner provided by the Act be re-appointed every two years.

Appointment of Chairman.

4. On the appointment of a Committee, and whenever there is a vacancy in the office of Chairman, the Minister shall appoint a member of the Committee to be Chairman.

Quorum at meetings of Committee.

- **5.** (1) Three members present at any meeting of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - (2) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of

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the Committee which he attends, and in his absence the members present may elect one of their number to preside over the meeting.

Questions determined by majority of votes and Chairman to have casting vote. **6.** Every question before the Committee shall be determined by the votes of a majority of the members present, and the Chairman or other presiding member shall have an original vote thereon and also a casting vote if the votes are equally divided.

Leave of absence.

- 7. (1) The Minister may grant leave of absence to any member of the Committee.
- (2) Where leave has been granted the Minister may, subject to section 8 (1) of the Act, appoint another person to act in the place of the member of the Committee who has been granted such leave.

Resignation.

- **8.** (1) A member may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Minister, resign from the Committee.
- (2) Where a member, without the leave of the Minister, absents himself from three consecutive quarterly meetings of the Committee, he shall be deemed to have resigned.

Revocation of appointment to the Committee.

9. The Minister may, at any time, revoke the appointment of a member of the Committee.

Filing vacancies in the Committee.

- **10.** (1) Where a vacancy in the Committee is occasioned by death, resignation or other cause, the Minister may, subject to section 8 (1) of the Act appoint another person to be a member of the Committee for the remainder of its term.
 - (2) The Committee may act notwithstanding any

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vacancy among the members thereof.

Appointment of Secretary to the Committee.

- **11.**(1) The Committee may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint some fit and proper person to be Secretary of the Committee at such salary as is approved by the Minister.
- (2) The Secretary shall not be dismissed without the approval of the Minister.

Duties of Secretary.

- **12.**(1) The Secretary shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to him by the Committee, and shall on all occasions in the execution of his office act under the superintendence, control and direction of the Committee.
- (2) The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Committee and record correctly the minutes of the proceedings thereof.

Meetings of the Committee.

- **13.**(1) The Committee shall meet at least once in every three months on such date as may be fixed by the Committee.
- (2) The Committee shall also meet as often as it may be summoned either by direction of the Chairman or on the written requisition of at least four members of the Committee who shall sign the same. In such requisition there shall be stated the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and the requisition shall be delivered to the Secretary.
- (3) The Secretary shall summon a meeting of the Committee on, and in accordance with, the direction of the Chairman, and also within three days after the receipt by him of a requisition made in accordance with paragraph (2).
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