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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIALISATION COMMISSION, TO SET UP AN ADVISORY COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY, TO SET UP REGIONAL INDUSTRY SERVICE COMMITTEES, WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING INCENTIVES, INFRASTRUCTURES, AND THE CREATION OF A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT, FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES IN GENERAL, AND EXPORT INDUSTRIES IN PARTICULAR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Industrial Promotion Act, No. 46 of 1990, and the provisions of this Act other than section 24 shall come into operation on such date (hereinafter referred to as the “appointed date”) as may be appointed by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette*, and section 24 shall come into operation on July 1, 1991.

Short title  
and date of  
operation.

PART I

REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS

2. (1) Every person carrying on an industrial undertaking commenced on or before the appointed date shall register the site or location at which such industrial undertaking is carried on, with the Registrar, within six months of the appointed date.

Registration  
of Industrial  
undertaking

(2) Every person carrying on an industrial undertaking commenced after the appointed date shall register the site or location at which such industrial undertaking is carried on, with the Registrar, within three months of the commencement of such industrial undertaking.

(3) Nothing in this section shall apply to an area enterprise or a licenced enterprise within the meaning of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law, No. 4 of 1978.

3. (1) Every application for registration under section 2 shall be made to the Registrar in the prescribed form and shall contain the prescribed particulars, including—

Application  
for  
registration  
of industrial  
undertakings

(a) the name and address of the owners of the industrial undertaking;

(b) the site or location at which the industrial undertaking is being carried on;



- (c) the industrial products manufactured at such Industrial undertaking ;
- (d) the number of employees employed in such industrial undertaking ; and
- (e) the specifications of the land, buildings and structures utilised for the purpose of such industrial undertaking.

(2) In the case of an industry specified in the Second Schedule to this Act an application for the registration of the site or location at which such industrial undertaking is carried on, shall be accompanied by the licence issued in respect of that industrial undertaking under section 26.

Certificate  
if  
registration.

4. (1) The Registrar shall on receipt of an application made under section 3 and on being satisfied that an industrial undertaking is being carried on at the site or location referred to in such application, issue a certificate of registration to the applicant in the prescribed form.

(2) Where a certificate is issued under subsection (1) in respect of an industrial undertaking the owner of such industrial undertaking shall furnish to the Registrar an annual return containing the particulars specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (1) of section 3 as well as the turnover and the total production of that industrial undertaking for that year, before March thirty-first of the succeeding year.

High Court  
may make  
order com-  
pelling regis-  
tration.

5. (1) Where a person carries on an industrial undertaking in contravention of the provisions of section 2, the Registrar may make an application to the High Court established under Article 154P of the Constitution for the province within which such industrial undertaking is carried on for an order requiring the person carrying on such industrial undertaking to register the site or location at which such industrial undertaking is carried on in compliance with section 2.

(2) Every such application shall be made by petition in writing addressed to such High Court and shall be heard and determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Chapter XXIV of the Civil Procedure Code.

6. A certificate under the hand of the Registrar to the effect that an industrial undertaking is being carried on at the site or location specified in such certificate and that such site or location has not been registered under this Part of this Act shall be admissible in evidence in any proceedings instituted under section 5 and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated therein. **Evidence.**

PART II

THE INDUSTRIALIZATION COMMISSION

7. There shall be established a Commission to be called the Industrialization Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"). **The Industrialization Commission.**

8. (1) The Commission shall consist of— **Constitution of the Commission.**

- (a) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister ;
- (c) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance ;
- (c) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Policy Planning and Implementation ;
- (d) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Trade and Commerce ;
- (e) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Textile Industries ;
- (f) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Small Industries ;
- (g) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Agriculture and Dairy Development ;
- (h) the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka ;
- (i) the Director-General of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission, established by the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law, No. 4 of 1978 ;
- (j) the Chairman of the Export Development Board, established by the Export Development Board Act, No. 40 of 1979 ; and

(k) not less than five and not more than seven persons appointed by the President in consultation with the Minister, from among persons who appear to the Minister to have wide experience and have shown capacity in the field of industry.

(2) A person shall be disqualified from being appointed or continuing as a member of the Commission if he is a Member of Parliament or member of a Provincial Council or a member of any local authority.

(3) A member of the Commission appointed under paragraph (k) of subsection (1) may resign from the Commission by letter addressed to the President.

(4) The President may without assigning a reason remove any member of the Commission appointed under paragraph (k) of subsection (1).

(5) Subject to the provisions of subsections (3) and (4), the term of office of a member of the Commission appointed under paragraph (k) of subsection (1) shall be three years.

(6) Where any vacancy arises in the Commission, by reason of death, resignation or removal of any member of the Commission appointed under paragraph (k) of subsection (1) the President shall fill such vacancy, having regard to the provisions of that paragraph.

(7) Any person appointed to fill a vacancy arising from the death, resignation or removal of any such member shall hold office for the unexpired period of the term of office of his predecessor.

(8) The Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance shall be the Chairman of the Commission and shall preside at all meetings of the Commission. In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the Commission, the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister shall preside at such meeting. In the absence of both the Chairman and such Secretary from any meeting of the Commission, the Members of the Commission present at such meeting shall, subject to subsection (15), elect from among themselves a member to preside at such meeting.



(9) The quorum for any meeting of the Commission shall be six.

(10) The Chairman or the person presiding at any meeting of the Commission shall in addition to his own vote have a casting vote.

(11) The Commission shall meet at least once every month and it may regulate the procedure in regard to its meetings and the transaction of business at such meetings.

(12) The Commission may act notwithstanding any vacancy among its members and no act or proceeding of the Commission shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy in the Commission or any defect in the appointment of a member of the Commission.

(13) The members of the Commission may be paid such remuneration as may be determined by the Minister with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance.

(14) A member referred to in subsection (1) (b) or subsection (1) (c) or subsection (1) (g) or subsection (1) (h) may designate a senior official of his Ministry to attend meetings of the Commission in his place and as his alternate, and shall inform the Chairman of the Commission in writing of such designation.

(15) An alternate member designated under subsection (14) shall have the right to attend meetings of the Commission and vote thereat but shall not be eligible to be elected under subsection (8) to preside at meetings of the Commission.

(16) Where a member of the Commission holds more than one office by virtue of which he is entitled to be represented on the Commission, such member may in writing addressed to the Chairman of the Commission indicate the office which he will represent on the Commission and shall nominate another officer to represent the other office which he holds.

(17) The Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the Commission. The Commission may delegate to such Secretary any power or function conferred on, or assigned to, it by this Act.

Secretary  
to the  
Commission.

9. There shall be appointed a Secretary to the Commission, and such other staff as may be necessary for the proper discharge of the functions of the Commission.

Functions  
and powers  
of the  
Commission.

10. (1) The functions of the Commission shall be—

- (a) to advise the Government on policy measures, plans and programmes for the encouragement and promotion of industry, including appropriate macro-economic policies for industrialization ;
- (a) to advise the Government on policy measures, plans and the promotion of industry ;
- (c) to ensure the provision of institutional mechanisms for industrialization ;
- (d) to prepare plans for the provision of industrial infrastructure and services ;
- (e) to provide a comprehensive products and markets information infrastructure for industries ; and
- (f) to hold inquiries and make reports to the Minister in respect of such matters relating to industry as are referred to it by the Minister.

(2) The Commission shall have the power to do all such acts as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions.

(3) In the discharge of the functions assigned to it by this Act, the Commission shall have regard to the need—

- (a) to encourage the development and growth of industries that are efficient and internationally competitive ;
- (b) to facilitate adjustment to structural changes in the economy ;
- (c) to reduce to a minimum, in so far as national policy permits, the regulation of industry.

(4) In referring any matter for inquiry to the Commission under section 10 (1) (f) the Minister may specify the respective periods within which, the Commission shall submit its interim and final reports to the Minister.



(5) The Minister may require the Commission, under paragraph (f) of subsection (1), to inquire and report on—

- (a) the provision of financial or other assistance by the Government to any industry;
- (b) the need for the Government to provide financial assistance to any industry or the need to withdraw, increase or reduce any financial assistance granted by the Government to any industry;
- (c) the need to prohibit or restrict the importation of any goods into Sri Lanka; or
- (d) the need to impose, remove, increase or reduce the duties on any goods imported into Sri Lanka.

11. The Commission may with the approval of the Minister appoint such Committees as may be necessary for the proper discharge of the functions of the Commission and consisting of members with the prescribed qualifications, and may delegate to such Committees, any powers conferred on, or any functions assigned to, it by this Act. Committees.

12. The Commission shall at the end of each calendar year submit a report of the work done by the Commission during that year to the Minister, who shall cause such report to be laid before Parliament. Annual report.

### PART III

#### THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INDUSTRY

13. (1) There shall be a Council to be called "The Advisory Council for Industry" (hereinafter referred to as the "Council"). Advisory Council for industry.

(2) The Council shall consist of—

- (a) the members of the Industrialization Commission;
- (b) two members nominated by such Chambers, federations or associations as are recognized by the Minister, having regard to their contribution to the development of industry;
- (c) a prescribed number of persons to represent industry, appointed by the Minister;
- (d) not more than fifteen persons appointed by the Minister from among persons who appear to the Minister to have wide experience and have shown capacity in the field of industry.

**Functions  
of the  
Council.**

14. The functions of the Council shall be—

- (a) to provide a forum for the representatives of industry in Sri Lanka to discuss, issues relating to industry and joint industry programmes with the Government for the development of industry ; and
- (b) to advise the Minister on the effectiveness of measures taken for the promotion of industry.

**Powers  
of the  
Council.**

15. (1) The Council shall have such powers as are necessary or incidental to the proper discharge of its functions.

(2) The quorum for the meetings of the Council, the procedure for the transaction of business at such meetings, the term of office of the members referred to in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of section 13(2), the election of the Chairman of the Council, the guidelines for the recognition of the Chambers, Federations and Associations referred to in section 13(2) (b), and the manner of selecting persons to represent industry, shall be as prescribed.

(3) The Council shall cause a report to be prepared, at the end of each year, of its activities during that year and shall submit a copy of such report to the Minister.

**PART IV****REGIONAL INDUSTRY SERVICE COMMITTEES****Regional  
Industry  
Service  
Committees.**

16. (1) The Minister shall in consultation with the Chief Minister of each Province determine regions within such province for the purpose of facilitating industrial development in that Province.

(2) There shall be appointed for each region determined under subsection (1) a Committee which shall be called the Regional Industry Service Committee. Such Committee shall be appointed by the Minister in consultation with the Chief Minister of the Province in which such region is situated.

**Functions  
of the  
Regional  
Industry  
Service  
Committee.**

17. The functions of a Regional Industry Service Committee shall be—

- (a) to advise the Minister, the Chief Minister of the Province within which the region for which such Committee is appointed falls and the Commission, on the development of industry in such region ;

- (b) to prepare plans and programmes for the development of industry in such region ;
- (c) to promote and facilitate industrial development in such region in accordance with national policy ;
- (d) to co-ordinate the provision of services and facilities necessary for the development of industries in the region, in accordance with plans approved by the Commission ;
- (e) to assist any investor to implement any investment decision in regard to any industry in that region ; and
- (f) to establish a Regional Industrial Service Centre for that region.

18. The composition of a Regional Industry Service Committee and the transaction of business by such Committee, shall be as prescribed.

Composition  
of the  
Regional  
Industry  
Service  
Committee.

19. The establishment and administration of industrial estates, industrial parks and science parks and other specified industrial infrastructure including—

Establish-  
ment of  
industrial  
estates,  
industrial  
parks and  
science  
parks.

- (a) the manner in which applications for the establishment of industrial estates, industrial parks, science parks and specified industrial infrastructure shall be made to the Regional Industrial Committee appointed for the region within which such estate, park or infrastructure is established, or proposed to be established or where there is no such Committee, to the Registrar ;
- (b) the manner in which applications for registration of existing industrial estates, industrial parks, science parks and specified industrial infrastructure shall be made to the Regional Industrial Committee appointed for the region within which such estate, park or infrastructure is established, or where there is no such Committee, to the Registrar ;
- (c) the manner in which applications for the grant of approval for the erection, alteration, and demolition of buildings and other structures within such estates or parks shall be made to the Regional Industrial Committee appointed for the region within which such estate or park is established, or where there is no such Committee, to the Registrar ; and

(d) the management of such estates, parks or specified industrial infrastructure, shall be as prescribed.

Order of  
demolition.

20. (1) Where any industrial estate, industrial park, science park or specified industrial infrastructure is established without the approval, or is managed contrary to the manner, required by regulations made under section 19, or any building is erected in any such estate, or park without the approval required under section 19, the Registrar may apply to the Court of Appeal for an Order directing the demolition of such estate or park or prescribed industrial infrastructure or building or for an Order requiring the management of such estate or park or prescribed industrial infrastructure in compliance with such regulations.

(2) A certificate issued under the hand of the Registrar to the effect that a structure specified in such certificate is an industrial estate, industrial park, science park or a specified industrial infrastructure, as the case may be, and has been established without the approval required by regulations made under section 19, or that such estate or park is being managed contrary to such regulations, or that a building specified in such certificate has been erected in an industrial estate, industrial park or science park and that such erection has been without the approval required under section 19, shall be admissible in evidence in any proceedings instituted under this section and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated therein.

(3) The provisions of this section shall not apply to and in relation to an area enterprise or a licensed enterprise within the meaning of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law, No. 4 of 1978.

Industrial  
Area.

21. (1) The Minister may, in consultation with the Chief Minister of a Province declare, by Order published in the *Gazette*, any area within the province as an "Industrial Area":

Provided however that where such area falls within an Urban Development Area declared under the Urban Development Authority Law, No. 41 of 1978, no declaration shall be made under this subsection by the Minister except with the concurrence of the Minister to whom the subject of Urban Development is assigned.

(2) The Regional Industry Service Committee appointed under section 16 for the region within which such Industrial Area falls, shall submit to the Commission plans and schemes



for the provision of infrastructure for industries within such Industrial Area and the co-ordination of services and facilities within such industrial area.

(3) The Minister may on the advice of the Commission, by Order published in the *Gazette*, approve any such plans and schemes as are submitted to the Commission under subsection (2).

(4) Where a plan or scheme is approved under subsection (3) in respect of an Industrial Area, the Regional Industry Service Committee appointed for the region within which such Industrial Area falls shall be responsible for the implementation of such scheme or plan.

(5) The Commission shall in consultation with the Urban Development Authority established under the Urban Development Authority Law, No. 41 of 1978, specify the standards in accordance with which any buildings or structures necessary for any such plan or scheme shall be erected or altered.

(6) The authority empowered by any written law to grant approval for the erection or alteration of buildings in the area within which such plan or scheme is to be implemented shall grant approval for such erection or alteration if it is in accordance with the standards prescribed under subsection (5), notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any written law, and such approval shall be granted within eight weeks from the date on which the application for approval is made.

(7) Where an application is made for the erection or alteration of any building for the purposes of any such plan or scheme, in an Industrial Area to the authority empowered by written law to grant such approval and such authority fails to grant such approval within eight weeks of such application, it shall be lawful for the Regional Industry Service Committee appointed for the region within which such Industrial Area fails to grant such approval in like manner as though references in such written law to the authority, officer or person empowered to grant such approval, were a reference to such committee.

22. (1) During the period commencing on the appointed date and ending on the 31st of December, 1994 no building shall be erected or used for the purposes of an industrial undertaking unless it conforms to the standards prescribed in consultation with the Urban Development Authority.

Commission to approve erection of industries buildings in certain areas.



(2) The authority empowered by written law to approve such erection or use shall notwithstanding anything in any other law approve such erection or use if it conforms to the prescribed standards.

(3) Nothing in this section shall apply to buildings erected or used—

(a) by any area enterprise or licensed enterprise within the meaning of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law, No. 4 of 1978 ;

(b) in any other area specified by the President by Notification published in the *Gazette* to be an area to which the provisions of subsection (1) shall not apply ;

(c) in any industrial estate, industrial park, science park or any industrial infrastructure established under section 19 ; and

(d) in any Industrial Area declared under section 21.

Fair Trading Commission to maintain price levels for industrial products.

23. The Fair Trading Commission established by the Fair Trading Commission Act, No. 1 of 1987 (hereinafter referred to as the Fair Trading Commission) may review the price of any article and hold an inquiry for such purpose. If the Fair Trading Commission determines after any such inquiry the price of such article is unreasonable and it is necessary to encourage competition by allowing imports of such article, the Fair Trading Commission shall submit a Report to the Minister in charge of the subject of Trade. The report shall also recommend the rate of custom tariff if any, that shall be levied on the importation of such articles.

Exemption under the Import and Export (Control) Act.

24. All products other than such products as are specified by the Minister in charge of the subject of Trade and Commerce by Order published in the *Gazette*, shall be deemed to be exempt from the provisions of section 4 (1) of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, with effect from July 1, 1991.

## PART V

### GENERAL

Industries declared to be expedient in the public interest.

25. (1) The control of the industries specified in the First Schedule to this Act by the Government of Sri Lanka is hereby declared to be expedient in the public interest.

(2) Parliament may by resolution amend the First Schedule to this Act.

26. (1) No person shall carry on an industry specified in the Second Schedule being an industry specified in the First Schedule except under the authority of and otherwise than in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued in that behalf by the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister.

Licensing of Industries specified in Second Schedule.

(2) The manner of application for a licence under subsection (1), and appeals against refusal to issue such licence, shall be as prescribed.

(3) Every licence issued under this section shall be subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Third Schedule to this Act.

(4) Where a person carries on an industry referred to in subsection (1) without a licence issued in that behalf under that subsection, the Registrar shall make an application to the Court of Appeal for an Order prohibiting such person from carrying on such industry.

(5) A certificate under the hand of the Registrar to the effect that the industry specified in such certificate is an industry for the carrying on for which a licence is required under subsection (1) and that no licence has been issued in respect thereof under that subsection, shall be admissible in evidence in any proceedings instituted under subsection (4) and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated therein.

27. (1) There may be appointed by name or by office for the purpose of this Act a Registrar of Industries and such number of Deputy Registrars of Industries and Assistant Registrars of Industries as may be necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

Appointment of officers and servants.

(2) The act of appointment of every Deputy Registrar of Industries and Assistant Registrar of Industries shall specify the area for which he is appointed. The area so specified shall hereinafter be referred as the "area of his appointment".

(3) Every Deputy Registrar of Industries and every Assistant Registrar of Industries may, subject to the general direction and control of the Registrar, exercise, perform or discharge within the area of his appointment, all or any of the powers, duties or functions conferred, or imposed on, or assigned to, the Registrar by or under this Act.

Declaration  
of secrecy.

28. The Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Assistant Registrar and any other officer discharging any functions under this Act shall before entering upon his duties sign a declaration pledging himself to observe strict secrecy regarding all matters relating to an industrial undertaking which may come to his knowledge in the discharge of his functions and by such declaration pledge himself not to reveal any such matters except when required to do so by a court of law.

Offences.

29. Every person who—

- (a) fails to furnish the annual return which he is required to furnish under section 4;
- (b) knowingly makes any false or incorrect statement in any annual return furnished by him under section 4; or

(c) contravenes the provisions of section 28,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and on conviction after trial before a Magistrate be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a period not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Power of  
Minister  
to give  
directions.

30. The Minister may give the Commission such general directions in writing as to the discharge of the functions of the Commission and the Commission shall give effect to such directions.

President  
to give  
directions.

31. (1) The President may in consultation with the Minister and any relevant Minister issue directions to the Commission for the purpose of, eliminating administrative and other barriers which impede the execution of industrial policy, or for ensuring the effective implementation of schemes and programmes approved by the Commission for the promotion of a competitive industrial environment and generally, for the improvement of institutional and other capabilities for the promotion of industry.

(2) Where the Commission issues any directives to any Government institution in order to implement any direction issued to it under subsection (1) it shall be the duty of the person in charge of that Institution to comply with such directives.

(3) The Commission shall report to the President on the measures taken by the Commission to implement any direction issued to it by the President under subsection (1) and shall transmit a copy of such report to the Minister.

32. Sections 18 to 26 of the Fair Trading Commission Act, No. 1 of 1987, are hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :—

Replacement of sections 18 to 26 of the Fair Trading Commission to 26 of the act No. 1 of 1987.

“ Controller of Prices may request Commission to fix prices of specified articles.

18. (1) In this section, “ specified article ” means any article of food or any pharmaceutical product.

(2) If it appears to the Controller of Prices that there is, or there is likely to arise, any unreasonable increase in the price of any specified article or that the price at which it is being sold is excessive, he may request the Commission either—

(a) to fix the maximum retail price above which such article shall not be sold or set out the price structure according to which such maximum price structure shall be fixed ; or

(b) in case of a specified article in respect of which there is an Order under the provisions of this section for the time being in force fixing the maximum price above which such article shall not be sold or setting out the price structure according to which such maximum price may be fixed, to vary the maximum prices fixed or the price structure set out by such Order.

(3) A relevant agency may in respect of a specified article in respect of which there is an Order under subsection (4) for the time being in force request the Commission to vary the prices fixed or the price structure set out by such Order.

(4) If after examination of a request made under subsection (2) or subsection (3) the Commission is satisfied that such request is reasonable it shall—

(a) in the case of a request made under paragraph (a) of subsection (2) by Order published in the *Gazette* fix the maximum retail prices above which the specified articles referred to in such request, shall not be sold or set out the price structure according to which such maximum prices shall be fixed ; or

(b) in the case of a request made under paragraph (b) of subsection (2) or subsection (3) vary the Order fixing the maximum retail prices above which the specified articles referred to in such request, shall not be sold or setting out the price structure according to which such maximum prices shall be fixed.

Every Order made under this subsection shall come into operation on the date on which such Order is published in the *Gazette*.

(5) The Minister may rescind or vary any Order made by the Commission under subsection (4).

(6) Where an Order is rescinded or varied by the Minister under subsection (5), notification of such rescission or variation shall be published in the *Gazette* and the Order made under subsection (4) shall be deemed to be rescinded or varied, as the case may be, with effect from the date of such publication but without prejudice to anything done or suffered thereunder or any right obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder."



33. (1) No suit or prosecution shall lie against any member of the Commission, or a member of the Council, or a member of Regional Industry Service Committee or the Registrar, Deputy Registrar or Assistant Registrar or any other officer discharging any function under this Act, which in good faith is done or purported to be done by such member, Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Assistant Registrar or other officer under this Act.

Protection  
of action.

(2) No suit or prosecution or other proceeding, civil or criminal, shall be instituted in any court or tribunal against any person referred to in subsection (1) in respect of any report made by him under this Act.

34. (1) The Minister may make regulations in respect of all matters required by this Act to be prescribed or in respect of which regulations are required or authorized to be made under this Act.

Regulations.

(2) Every regulation made by the Minister shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall come into operation on the date of publication or on such later date as may be specified therein.

(3) Every regulation made by the Minister, shall as soon as convenient after its publication in the *Gazette*, be brought before Parliament for approval. Every regulation which is not so approved shall be deemed to be rescinded as from the date of disapproval but without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder.

(4) The notification of the date on which any regulation is deemed to be so rescinded shall be published in the *Gazette*.

35. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text  
to prevail in  
case of  
inconsistency.

[Section 25]

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

1. Any industry with foreign investment.
2. Any industry employing high technology.
3. Any industry producing goods for export from Sri Lanka.
4. Any industry exploring, extracting or processing minerals or non-renewable natural resources.
5. Any industry manufacturing arms and ammunition, explosives, military vehicles and equipment, aircraft and any other military hardware.

6. Any industry manufacturing poisons, narcotics, alcohol, dangerous drugs, and toxic, hazardous and carcinogenic materials.
7. Any industry producing currency, coins and security documents.
8. Any industry where—
  - (a) the value of capital investment in plant and equipment exceeds four million rupees; and
  - (b) the number of permanent employees employed in such industry exceeds fifty.
9. Any industry which is owned by the Government or by a company in which the Government holds a majority of the shares.

[Section 25]

#### SECOND SCHEDULE

- 1 Any industry manufacturing arms and ammunition, explosives, military vehicles and equipment, aircraft and any other military hardware.
2. Any industry manufacturing poisons, narcotics, alcohol, dangerous drugs and toxic, hazardous and carcinogenic materials.
- 3 Any industry producing currency, coins and security documents.

[Section 26]

#### THIRD SCHEDULE

1. The standards of safety to be maintained in any such industry.
2. The security measures to be taken by any such industry including the storing of inputs, use of the inputs and the disposals of unused inputs, waste material and rejects.
3. The manner in which the products of the industry are to be delivered to customers.
4. The standards of hygiene to be maintained.
5. The inputs to be used by any such industry.