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An Act to amend the National Sports Act, Cap. 151 to align the provisions on anti-doping with the World Anti-Doping Code and for related matters.

DATE OF ASSENT: 27th January, 2025

Date of Commencement: 31st January, 2025

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

1. Amendment of the National Sports Act, Cap. 151

The National Sports Act, Cap. 151, in this Act referred to as the “principal Act”, is amended in section 3, in the definition of “doping”, by inserting immediately after the word “performance”, the words “or any violation of Article 2 of the World Anti-Doping Code”.

2. Amendment of section 52 of principal Act

Section 52 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for subsection (2), the following—

“(2) The members of the National Anti-Doping Organisation, including staff and Directors, shall be appointed based on the terms and conditions outlined in the internal regulations adopted by the Minister.”; and

- (b) by substituting for subsection (4), the following—

“(4) A member of the National Anti-Doping Organisation, including staff and Directors, shall be paid such remuneration as specified in the internal regulations.”

3. Insertion of section 52A in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 52, the following—

“52A. Independence of National Anti-Doping Organisation

Subject to this Act, the National Anti-Doping Organisation shall be independent and shall not, in the performance of its duties, including the recruitment and remuneration of its staff, be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority.”

4. Amendment of section 53 of principal Act

Section 53 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1)—

- (a) in paragraph (a), by substituting for subparagraph (iii), the following—

“(iii) publish, in the Gazette and in media of wide circulation, the international standards on anti-doping in a timely manner following the adoption or amendment of the standards by the World Anti-Doping Agency;”; and

- (b) in paragraph (c), by substituting for the words “performance-enhancing”, the word “prohibited”.

5. Substitution of section 59 of principal Act

Section 59 of the principal Act is substituted for the following—

“59. Prohibition of doping

- (1) An athlete shall not—
 - (a) use or have in his or her possession a prohibited substance;
 - (b) use or have in his or her possession a prohibited method; or
 - (c) contravene any rule on anti-doping under Article 2 of the World Anti-Doping Code.
- (2) An athlete who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is subject to the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code.
- (3) Any athlete or person who—
 - (a) contrary to Article 2.8 of the World Anti-Doping Code, administers or attempts to administer to any athlete In-Competition, any prohibited substance or prohibited method that is prohibited In-Competition, or administers or attempts to administer to any athlete Out-of-Competition, any prohibited substance or prohibited method that is prohibited Out-of-Competition;
 - (b) contrary to Article 2.7 of the World Anti-Doping Code, trafficks or attempts to traffick in any prohibited substance or prohibited method; or
 - (c) contravenes any rule on anti-doping under Article 2 of the World Anti-Doping Code,

commits an offence and is subject to the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code.”

