



Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Act 1992

No. 170 of 1992

An Act to amend the *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act 1982*

[Assented to 11 December 1992]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Short title etc.

1.(1) This Act may be cited as the *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Act 1992*.

(2) In this Act, “**Principal Act**” means the *Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act 1982*¹.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Interpretation

3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following definition:

“ ‘**international agricultural research centre**’ means an independent, non-profit organisation that:

- (a) is internationally funded; and
- (b) carries out:
 - (i) research into sustainable improvements in the productivity of agriculture, forestry and fisheries in developing countries; and
 - (ii) activities related to such research;”.

Functions

4. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (1)(b) “in Australia” (first occurring);
- (b) by adding at the end of subsection (1) the following word and paragraphs:
 - “; and (d) to establish and fund training schemes related to its research programs; and
 - (e) to conduct and fund development activities related to its research programs; and
 - (f) to fund international agricultural research centres.”.

Constitution of Board

5. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (1)(c).

Constitution of Council

6. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (1)(c) “Director, Australian Development Assistance Bureau” and substituting “Director-General, Australian International Development Assistance Bureau, or a person nominated by the Director-General”;
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (1)(d) “12 nor more than 16” and substituting “9 nor more than 11”;
- (c) by omitting from paragraph (3)(b) “minority” and substituting “number”;
- (d) by omitting from paragraph (5)(c) “12” and substituting “9”.

Meetings of Council

7. Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (1)(b) “8” and substituting “6”;
- (b) by omitting from subsection (5) “9” and substituting “7”.

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Payments into Fund

8. Section 34 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (b) “, other than trust moneys”;
- (b) by omitting subsection (2).

9. Section 37 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

Limit on certain contracts

“37.(1) The Centre must not enter a contract for the carrying out of agricultural research unless:

- (a) the Minister approves the contract; or
- (b) the contract’s value does not exceed the amount (if any) determined in writing by the Minister for the purposes of this paragraph.

“(2) A determination made by the Minister under paragraph (1)(b) is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.”.

Insertion of new section

10. After section 38A of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Centre not a Department

“38AA. Despite section 48Q of the *Audit Act 1901*, the Centre is not a Department for the purposes of section 50 of that Act.”.

Delegation by Minister

11. Section 41 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (1) “the Board or” after “delegate to”.

Repeal of sections 43 and 44

12. Sections 43 and 44 of the Principal Act are repealed.

NOTE

- 1. No. 9, 1982, as amended. For previous amendments, see Nos. 39 and 91, 1983; No. 63, 1984; No. 166, 1985; No. 141, 1987; and No. 122, 1991.

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