



**THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

ON

**A BILL FOR
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE NIGERIAN COUNCIL OF FOOD SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (SB. 92), 2018**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Senate at its sitting on Wednesday 8th November, 2017 referred read the **Bill For An Act To Provide For The Establishment Of The Nigerian Council Of Food Science And Technology And For Related Matters (Sb. 92) 2018**, the second time for an accelerated passage and referred same to the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, for further legislative Action.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

Senator Robert A. Boroffice, OON	Chairman
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Senator Mao Oluabunwa	Member
Senator Obinna J. Ogba	Member
Senator Samuel Anyanwu	Member
Senator Solomon Adeola	Member
Senator Peter Nwaoboshi	Member

Secretariat

1. Musa D. Abdullahi

Clerk, Science and Technology

OBJECTIVES:

The objects of this Bill shall be to –

- (a) Maintain standards of knowledge, exposure to equipment, practice and skills of the profession of Food Science and Technology in Nigeria.
- (b) Promote the highest standards of competence, practice and conduct among the members of the food profession in Nigeria;
- (c) secure the establishment and maintenance of a register of persons entitled to practice the food profession, the registration of the premises used for that purpose and the publication of the lists of the persons and premises so registered from time to time;
- (d) Determine the scale of professional fees for members of the food profession and review such scale from time to time, as circumstances may require;
- (e) Serve as a Council that will coordinate, regulate, facilitate and promote the development of the discipline and practice of food science and technology in Nigeria;
- (f) Collaborate with relevant national and international governmental and non-governmental agencies;
- (g) Perform such other functions as are necessary for carrying out the objectives of establishing the Council under this Bill.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

In carrying out this assignment, the Committee adopted the following methodology:

- i. Held several meetings.
- ii. Conducted a Public Hearing on 4th & 5th July 2018 in order to get views and input from stakeholders and the general public.
- iii. Consulted with legal draftsmen and other experts in the field.

The following participants were present at the Public Hearing and made contributions:-

Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Ministry of Trade and Investment, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Health, Nigeria Customs Service, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria, Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Abia state, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, NAFDAC, FIIRO, Standard Organization of Nigeria, Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, Nigeria Association of Small and Medium Enterprises, Mining Industries, Privates & Public Institutions and Civil Society Organizations interested in the Bill.

4.0 STAKEHOLDERS OBSERVATIONS

Stakeholders contributed immensely in favor of the Bill and recommended modifications and redrafting in some sections of the Bill. The committee took note of the observations and treated it accordingly.

5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Following the clause by clause consideration of the Bill, the committee recommended as follows -:

a) Retained Sections and Clauses

2[1(a(i, ii,) b, c(i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi), d, e, g, h, i)], 2(3), 3(b, f), 4(d, e, g), 6(1(a) 8[4(a)], 9[1(b, c), 2(b)], 10[1(b)], 11[3, 4,], 14[1(a, b), 3], 15[2 b), 3(a, b, d, e, f, g)], 18(2), 19[1(b), 5], 20[6(a, b, c)], 22[1(c)], 23[2(a, b)], 24(a, b, c), 25[1, 2(a, b), 3(a, b), 4, 6)], 26, 27(Interpretation), First Schedules [3, Committees [9(3), Miscellaneous [10(2, 3), 11(a, b, c), 12, 13]. Second Schedules [The Disciplinary Tribunal [2[(1(a, b, c), 2(a, b, c, d, f), 3(a, b), 4(1, 2(a, b c), 3), The Investigating Panel [6(1, 2), 9].

b) Amended Sections and Clauses

2[1(f, j), 2(2, 4), 3(a, c, d, e, h), 4(a, b, c, e(i, ii), f), 5[1(a, b), 2(a(i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi), b(i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi), 3(a, b), 4, 5], 6(1(b), 2, 3), 7(1, 2), 8[1(a, c), 4(b, c, d, e)], 9[1(a, d), 2(a, c)], 10[1(a, c), 2, 3], 11[1(a, b, c), 2, 5, 6], 12(1, 2), 13[1(a, b), 2(a, b), 3, 4, 5(a, b)], 14[2(a, b, c)], 15[1, 2(a), 3(c), 4, 5], 16, 17, 18(1), 19[1(a), 2, 3, 4, 6], 20[1(a, b, c), 2(a, b), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8], 21, 22[1(a, b, d), 2], 23[1(a, b), 3], 25[3, 5(a, b), 7, 8(a, b)], 28(Citation), First Schedules [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8(2), Committees [9(1, 2, 4), Miscellaneous [10]. Second Schedules [The Disciplinary Tribunal [1, 2(2(e, g), 3, 4, The Investigating Panel [5, 7(1, 2), 8)]

c) Retained and Renumbered Sections and Clauses

8[1(b), 3(a, b), 5)],

d) Amended and Renumbered Sections and Clauses

8[1(b), 2, 3(a, b, c, d, e), 4],

e) Newly inserted Sections, Clauses and Subsections

3(g)

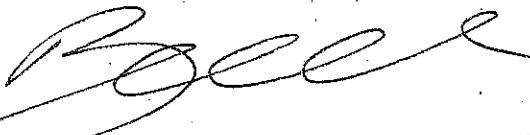
Mr. President, Distinguished Senators; we have subjected both the oral and written submission of relevant stakeholders to critical analysis and exhaustive deliberations. Taking into consideration, those areas that are in conflict with other extant laws; and those that are ambiguous, the Committee amended and deleted where necessary, those provisions of the Bill that are contentious in one way or the other. We therefore recommend that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria do consider and pass this bill as amended.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The intention of the Committee in adopting this Bill is to make Nigeria more productive in the Agro-Allied sector of the economy, encourage small and medium enterprises, industries and be more innovative in food science and technology development and encourage scientific application in line with global practice and acceptability.

On behalf of all the Members of the Committee, I wish to express our gratitude to the Senate for giving us the opportunity to serve in this regard.

We do pray that the Senate adopts the recommendation of the Committee, I so move.



Senator (Prof) Robert A. Boroffice (OON)

Committee Chairman

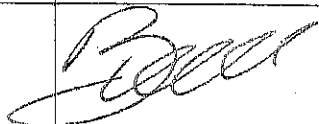
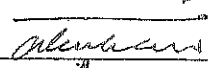
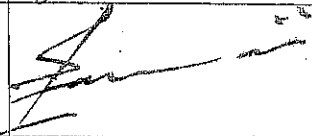
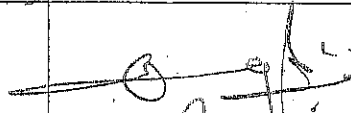
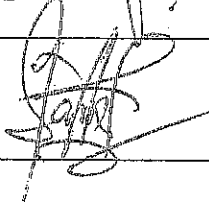
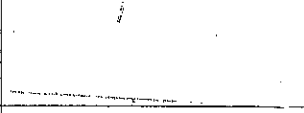
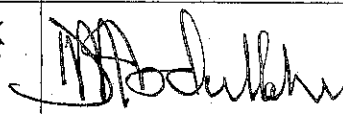


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**A BILL FOR
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIAN COUNCIL OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY;
AND FOR *RELATED* MATTERS.**

Clauses	Provisions of the Bill	Committee Recommendation	Remarks
1.	Long Title A Bill for An Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology and for ALLIED matters connected therewith. PART I: Establishment, of the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology 1. (1) There is established the Nigerian Council of food Science and Technology (in this Act, to be referred to as "the Council"). (2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may, from time to time, authorize. (3) The Council may sue and be sued in its corporate name, and may acquire and dispose of any property, subject to the Land Use Act.	Long Title A Bill For An Act to establish the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology; and for <i>related</i> matters. PART I: Establishment, of the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology 1 (1) There is established the Nigerian Council of food Science and Technology (in this <i>Bill</i> referred to as "the Council"). (2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may authorise. (3) <i>The Council may -</i> <i>(a) sue and be sued in its corporate name, and</i> <i>(b) acquire and dispose of any property, subject to the Land Use Act.</i>	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> Cap. L5, LFN, 2004

2.	2. Membership of the Council (1) The Council shall consist of the following members, who shall be citizens of Nigeria and registered food professionals. (a) the chairman of the Council, who shall be- (i) Appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, on the recommendation of NIFST through the Minister, and (ii) a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology, with not less than 20 years post qualification working experience in Food Science and Technology; (b) the Vice-Chairman, who shall be the incumbent President of NIFST, shall assist the Chairman during the term of the Council in his absence; (c) a representative each of the Federal Ministry of – (i) Science and Technology, (ii) Health, (iii) Agriculture and Water Resources, (iv) Commerce and Industry (v) The representative of the Director General of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control, who shall be the highest ranking registered food professional in the organization. (vi) The representative of the Director General of Standards Organization of Nigeria, who shall be the highest ranking registered food professional in the organization	2. Membership of the Council 1. (1) The Council shall consist of - (a) Retained (i) Retained (ii) Retained (b) Retained (c) a representative each of the Federal Ministry of – (i) Science and Technology, (ii) Health, (iii) Agriculture and Water Resources, (iv) Commerce and Industry, (v) the representative of the Director-General of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control, who shall be the highest ranking registered food professional in the organisation. (vi) the representative of the Director General of Standards Organization of Nigeria, who shall be the highest ranking registered food professional in the organisation;	
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	(d) the Registrar of the Council; (e) one representative of Committee of Directors of food related research institutes in the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology; (f) two representative of Heads of Department of Food Science and Technology one from a university and one form a polytechnic accredited by the council. (g) one representative each of Nigerian Universities Commission and National Board for Technical Education; (h) one representative of the Association of Food, Beverage and Tobacco Employers; (i) one representative of Nigerian Association of Small and Medium Scale Enterprises; and (j) two other persons as the Council may from time to time, prescribe. (2) The Chairman shall preside at all the meeting of the Council and shall hold office for 4 years in the first instance, and may be re-appointed for another term of 4 years and no more. (3) In the event of the death, incapacity or inability of the Chairman, or for any other reason, the Vice-Chairman shall act as the Chairman of the Council with the approval of the Minister, pending the	(d) Retained (e) Retained (f) two representative of Heads of Department of Food Science and Technology one from a university and one <i>from</i> a polytechnic accredited by the Council; (g) Retained (h) Retained (i) Retained (j) <i>two other persons as the Council prescribe.</i> who shall be citizens of Nigeria and registered Food Professional (2) The Chairman shall preside at all the meeting of the Council and shall hold office for <i>four</i> years in the first instance, and may be re-appointed for another term of <i>four</i> years and no more. (3) Retained	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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3.	appointment of a new Chairman for the remaining portion of the term of office of the Chairman and references in this Act to the Chairman shall be construed accordingly. (4) The provisions of First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the qualifications, election and tenure of office of members of the Council and other matters therein mentioned. 3. Functions of the Council The Council shall:- (a) determine the standards of knowledge, exposure to equipment, practice and skills to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the profession of Food Science and Technology (in this Act referred to as "the food profession") and to be so registered, and review those standards from time to time , as circumstances may require; (b) promote the highest standards of competence, practice and conduct among the members of the food profession; (c) secure, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the establishment and maintenance of a register of persons entitled to practice the food profession, the registration of the premises used for that purpose and the publication, from time to time, of the lists of the persons and premises so registered;	(4) The provisions of First Schedule to this <i>Bill</i> shall have effect with respect to the qualifications, election and tenure of office of members of the Council and other matters therein mentioned. 3. Functions of the Council The Council shall - (a) determine the standards of knowledge, exposure to equipment, practice and skills to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the profession of Food Science and Technology (in this <i>Bill</i> referred to as "the food profession") and to be so registered, and review those standards from time to time , as circumstances may require; (b) Retained (c) secure, in accordance with the provisions of this <i>Bill</i>, the establishment and maintenance of a register of persons entitled to practice the food profession, the registration of the premises used for that purpose and the publication, from time to time, of the lists of the persons and premises so registered;	<i>Amended</i> First Schedule. <i>Amended</i>
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	(d) determine the minimum scale of professional fees for members of the food profession and review such scale from time to time, as circumstances may require; (e) serve as an agency that will coordinate, regulate, facilitate and promote the development of the discipline and practice of food science and technology in Nigeria; (f) collaborate with relevant national and international governmental and non-governmental agencies; (g) perform such other functions as are necessary for carrying out the objectives of establishing the Council under this Act.	(d) determine the minimum scale of professional fees for members of the food profession and review such scale from time to time, as circumstances <i>may</i> require; (e) serve as <i>a Council</i> that will coordinate, regulate, facilitate and promote the development of the discipline and practice of <i>the food profession</i> in Nigeria; (f) Retained (g) <i>be responsible for the discipline, promotion and the determination of the terms and conditions of service of the employees of the Council; and</i> (h) perform other functions as are necessary for carrying out the objectives of establishing the Council under this <i>Bill</i>.	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>New (g) inserted</i> <i>Amended</i>
4.	4. Power of the Council The Council shall have power to- (a) make rules with regard to any matter contained in this Act; (b) regulate the enrolment of persons seeking registration (c) require any member to acquire such approved	4. Power of the Council The Council shall have power to- (a) make rules with regard to any matter contained in this <i>Bill</i>; (b) regulate the enrolment of persons seeking <i>registration</i>; (c) <i>require any member to acquire such approved qualification as is acceptable and</i>	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>

	qualification as is acceptable and commensurate to his cadre in the food profession, either in addition to, or in substitution for any other qualification with which he is registered by the Council; (d) determine fees (including annual subscription), payable by registered food professionals on enrolment; (e) refuse to register any person as a member of the food profession, if it appears to it that such a person:- (i) does not poses the relevant qualification; (ii) has been indicated for an offence and sentenced to more than 2 years imprisonment; (f) strike of the names of members from the register for unprofessional conduct; and (g) order the re-listing of any member whose name was struck off the register, on reasonable grounds.	<i>commensurate to his cadre in the food profession either in addition to, or in substitution for any other qualification with which he is registered by the Council;</i> (d) Retained (e) Retained (i) does not poses the relevant qualification; <i>or</i> (ii) has been indicated for an offence and sentenced to more than <i>two</i> years imprisonment; (f) strike <i>off</i> the names of members from the register for unprofessional conduct; (g) Retained	
5.	5. Admission to membership (1) Subject to the provisions of this section a person shall be eligible, for enrolment as a registered professional by the council in the categories of: (a) Fellow; and (b) Member; (2) A person admitted into the membership of the	5. Admission to membership (1) <i>Subject to the provisions of this section, a person shall be eligible for enrolment as a registered professional by the council in the categories of:</i> (a) Fellow; <i>or</i> (b) Member; (2) A person admitted into the membership of the	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>

	profession by the Council, in any of the categories specified in subsection (1) of this section, shall be so registered by the registrar and be entitled to the use of the title- (a) Fellow of Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology, if – (i) he is not less than 40 years of age. (ii) he has, at least, 15 years of relevant working experience in the food profession (iii) he is registered as a Certified Food Scientist of Nigeria I and has been qualified to be so registered for at least 10 years and he satisfies the Council that, for the proceeding period of 15 years, he has been in practice as a food professional. (iv) he is a fit and proper person to be enrolled, and (v) his application is sponsored by 2 members of the Council, both of whom shall be a fellows, (vi) he is a Fellow of NIFST (b) Certified Food Scientist of Nigeria, if- (i) he is not less than 20 years of age. (ii) he holds the qualification approved for registration into the food profession (iii) he is a fit and proper person to be enrolled, and (iv) his application is sponsored by 2 members of the Council who have been registered food professionals for minimum period of 5 years; and (v) he is recommended by the governing council of NIFST	profession by the Council in any of the categories specified in subsection (1), shall be registered by the registrar and be entitled to the use of the title- (a) Fellow of Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology, if – (i) he is not less than 40 years of age, (ii) he has, at least, 15 years of relevant working experience in the food profession, (iii) he is registered as a Certified Food Scientist of Nigeria I and has been qualified to be so registered for at least 10 years and he satisfies the Council that, for the proceeding period of 15 years, he has been in practice as a food professional, (iv) he is a fit and proper person to be enrolled, (v) his application is sponsored by two members of the Council, both of whom shall be a fellow, and (vi) he is a Fellow of NIFST; (b) Certified Food Scientist of Nigeria, if- (i) he is not less than 20 years of age. (ii) he holds the qualification approved for registration into the food profession, (iii) he is a fit and proper person to be enrolled, (iv) his application is sponsored by 2 members of the Council who have been registered food professionals for minimum period of 5 years, (v) he is recommended by the Governing Council of NIFST, and	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	(vi) satisfies other conditions as prescribed by the council including examinations, tests and internship (3) A person accorded any status as specified in subsection (1) of this section by the Council shall be entitled to the use of the title of- (a) Fellow of the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology; or (b) Certified Food Scientist of Nigeria after his name as may be authorized by the Council according to whether he is a fellow or a Certified Food Scientist. (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of the section, the Council may accord other worthy persons such other status of the profession as the Council may, from time to time determine. (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, all members excluding licentiates, corporate and honorary members of NIFST whose names appear in the most recent edition of its directory of members and any person who has been a member of NIFST as at the date of commencement of this Act or who but for this act would have been qualified to be admitted as member of NIFST within a period of 6 months from the commencement of this act shall be deemed enrolled into the register of Food Professionals of the food profession in their	(vi) satisfies other conditions as prescribed by the council including examinations, tests and internship. (3) A person accorded any status as specified in <i>subsection (1)</i>, by the Council shall be entitled to the use of the title of- (a) Fellow of the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology; or (b) Certified Food Scientist of Nigeria after his name as may be authorised by the Council according to whether he is a fellow or a Certified Food Scientist. (4) <i>Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), the Council may accord other worthy persons such other status of the profession as the Council may determine.</i> (5) <i>Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2), all members excluding licentiates, corporate and honorary members of NIFST whose names appear in the most recent edition of its directory of members and any person who has been a member of NIFST as at the date of commencement of this Act or who but for this act would have been qualified to be admitted as member of NIFST within a period of 6 months from the commencement of this act shall be deemed enrolled into the register of Food</i>	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	various membership categories and years of membership in NIFST on fulfilling other requirement prescribed by the Council.	Professionals of the food profession in their various membership categories and years of membership in NIFST on fulfilling other requirement prescribed by the Council.	
6.	PART II 6. Appointment of Registrar, and Preparation of the Register (1) The Council shall appoint- (a) a fit and proper person, who is a food professional and a fellow of the Council and NIFST, to be the Registrar and the Chief Executive Officer of the Council and; (b) such other persons as it may, from time to time need, to assist the Registrar in the performance of its functions under this Act. (2) The Registrar shall hold office for 5 years in the first instance, on such terms and conditions of service as specified in his letter of appointment and may be eligible for reappointment for another period of 5 years and not more. (4) The Register shall be responsible for the supervision and general administration of the employees, under the direction of the Council.	PART II 6. Appointment of Registrar and Preparation of the Register (1) Retained (a) Retained (b) such other persons as it may need to assist the Registrar in the performance of its functions under this <i>Bill</i>. (2) The Registrar shall hold office for <i>four</i> years in the first instance, on such terms and conditions of service as specified in his letter of appointment, and may be eligible for reappointment for another period of <i>four</i> years and <i>no</i> more (3) The <i>Registrar</i> shall be responsible for the supervision and general administration of the employees, under the direction of the Council.	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>4 years term recommended</i> <i>Amended</i>

7.	7. Pensions Act No 2 2004 (1) It is declared that service in the Council shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reform Act. And accordingly, employees of Council excluding temporary, ad hoc and contract staff shall be entitled to pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits, in respect of that office. (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office, on terms which preclude the granting of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits, in respect of that office.	7. Pensionable Service (1) Service in the Council shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reform <i>Act and, employees</i> of Council excluding temporary, ad hoc and contract staff shall be entitled to pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office. (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of <i>subsection (1)</i> nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the granting of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits, in respect of that office.	<i>Amended</i> Act No. 4, 2014 <i>Amended</i>
8.	8. Duty of the Registrar to prepare the register (1) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain a register of: (a) the names, addresses, and the rules, of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Act to be registered as members of the food profession and who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be so registered; (b) the premises where members of the food profession engage in the manufacturing, processing, packaging, storage, warehousing, importation, exportation, sale, distribution or	8. Duty of the Registrar to prepare the register (1) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain a register of: (a) the names, addresses, and the rules of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, to be registered as members of the Food Profession and who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be so registered;	<i>Amended</i>

	other activities relating to the practice of the food profession; (c) the institutions of higher learning accredited by the Council that are offering courses in food science and technology; and (d) such other persons and establishments as the Council may direct, to be registered. (2) The register shall consist of two sub - parts, of which the first. Part A shall be the register of the persons, which shall further be made up of three sub-parts, of which – (a) the first, shall be in respect of premises in which members are engaged in professional practice; and (b) the second, shall be in respect of tertiary educational institutions accredited by the Council, to offer courses in food science and technology. (3) Subject to the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the Council shall make rules, with respect to the form and keeping of the register and making of entries therein, and in particular- (a) regulate the making of application for registration and provide for the evidence to be produced in support of such applications; (b) provide for the notification of the Registrar by the person to whom registered particulars relate,	<i>(b) the institutions of higher learning accredited by the Council that are offering courses in food science and technology; and</i> <i>(c) other persons and establishments as the Council may direct to be registered.</i> <i>(2) The register will be divided into two Parts A and B.</i> <i>(3) Part A of the register will be a register of persons and will further be sub-divided into three parts which:</i> <i>(a) Retained</i> <i>(b) Retained</i> <i>(4) Subject to the provisions of subsections (1) and (2), the Council shall make rules, with respect to the form and keeping of the register and making of entries therein and in particular-</i> <i>(a) Retained</i> <i>(b) provide for the notification of the Registrar by the person to whom registered particulars relate</i>	<i>(c) Renumbered to (b)</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended & renumbered (2-3)</i> <i>There is no provision for the third part of PART A of the register and PART B.</i> <i>Amended & renumbered (4)</i>
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	of any change in those particulars; (c) authorizes a registered person to have any qualification which is in relation to the profession, whether an approved qualification or accepted qualification for the purposes of this Act, registered in relation to his name, in addition to or, as he may elect, in substitution for any other qualifications so registered; (d) specify the fees, including my subscription, to be paid to the Council in respect of the entry of names on the register, and authorize the Registrar to refuse to enter a name of on the register, until the fee for the entry has been paid, and (e) specify such other conditions and matters required to be specified under this section. (4) Rules made for the purpose of paragraph (d) of this section shall not come into force until they are confirmed at the next meeting of the Council or a special general meeting of NIFST.	or any change in those particulars; (c) authorises a registered person to have any qualification which is in relation to the profession, whether an approved qualification or accepted qualification for the purposes of this <i>Bill</i>, registered in relation to his name, in addition to or as he may elect, in substitution for any other qualifications so registered; <i>(d) specify the fees, including my subscription, to be paid to the Council in respect of the entry of names on the register and authorise the Registrar to refuse to enter a name of on the register until the fee for the entry has been paid; and</i> <i>(e) specify other conditions and matters required to be specified under this section.</i> 4. Retained	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
9.	9. Alteration of the register (1) The Registrar shall: (a) correct, in accordance with the Council's directives, any entry in the register, which the Council directs him to correct, as being in the Council's opinion an entry which was incorrectly made;	9. Alteration of the register (1) Retained (a) correct, in accordance with the Council's directives, any entry in the register, which the Council directs him to correct, <i>which</i> in the <i>opinion of</i> the Council, which was incorrectly made;	<i>Amended</i>

	(b) make from time to time, any necessary alteration to the registered particulars of registered persons or premises; (c) remove from the register, the name and particulars of any registered person or premises, as the Council may direct; and (d) record the names of registered food professionals and of promises which are in default for more than two years in the payment of annual subscriptions, and take such actions in relation thereto (including removal of the names of defaulter from the registrar), as the Council may direct or require. (2) If the Registrar- (a) sends by post to any registered person, a registered letter, addressed to that person at the person's address on the register, enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within a period of 3 months from the date of posting it; (b) upon the expiration of the period stated in paragraph (a), send in like manner to the person in question, a second similar letter and receive no reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting it; and (c) sends by electronic means an e-mail to that person, at his e-mail address without any reply,	(b) Retained (c) Retained <i>(d) record the names of registered food professionals and of promises which are in default for more than two years in the payment of annual subscriptions, and take such actions (including removal of the names of defaulters from the registrar) as the Council may direct or require.</i> (2) If the Registrar – (a) sends by post to any registered person, a registered letter, addressed to that person at the person's address on the register, enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within a period of <i>three</i> months from the date of posting it; (b) Retained (c) sends by electronic means an e-mail to that person, at his e-mail address without any	<i>Amended</i> <i>renumbered (4)</i> <i>4 years term recommended</i>
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	the Registrar may, remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register, but the Council may direct Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register, any particulars removed there from under this subsection.	reply, the Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register, but the Council may direct <i>the</i> Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register, any particulars removed there from under this subsection.	<i>Amended</i>
10.	10. Publication of the register and list of correction (1) The Registrar shall cause- (a) the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public, not later than 2 years from the commencement of this Act and thereafter in each year, cause to be printed, published and put on sale, either a corrected edition of the register or a list of corrections made to the register, since it was last printed; and (b) a copy of each edition of the register printed and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal offices of the Council and NIFST Chapter Offices; and (c) to be kept, the register and list deposited and make same available to members of the public, at all reasonable times for inspection. (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of a register published under this section by the Registrar, and of the list of corrections to the edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any other	10. Publication of the register and list of correction (1) The Registrar shall cause - (a) the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public not later than <i>two</i> years from the commencement of this <i>Bill</i> and <i>subsequently</i> thereafter in each year, cause to be printed, published and put on sale, either a corrected edition of the register or a list of corrections made to the register, since it was last printed; (b) Retained (c) to be kept, the register and list <i>of corrections</i> deposited and make same available to members of the public, at all reasonable times for inspection. (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of a register published under this section by the Registrar, and of the list of corrections to the edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>

11.	made of proof) be admissible in any proceeding., as evidence that any person specified in the document as being registered was so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections, as the case may be and that any person not so specified was not so registered. (3) Where, in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, a person is, in any proceeding, shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as have at all material times thereafter continued to be, or not to be registered. PART III – REGISTRATION 11. Registration of member and premise (1) Subject to section 5 of this Act and the rules made under section 8 (3) of this Act, a person is entitled to be a member of the food profession, if he satisfies the Council that – (a) he holds the qualification approved for membership of the food profession and has been admitted into the membership of NIFST as a Professional Member. (b) he is by law entitled to practice for all purposes as a food professional in the country in which the qualification was granted; and	other <i>mode</i> of proof) be admissible in any proceeding., as evidence that any person specified in the document as being registered was registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections and that any person not specified was not registered. (3) Where, in accordance with <i>subsection (2)</i>, a person is, in any proceeding, shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as <i>having</i> at all material times thereafter continued to be or not to <i>have been</i> registered. PART III – REGISTRATION 11. Registration of <i>members</i> and <i>premises</i> (1) Subject to <i>section 5 and the rules made under section 8 (3)</i>, a person is entitled to be a member of the <i>Food Profession</i>, if he satisfies the Council that <i>he</i> – (a) <i>holds the qualification approved for membership of the food profession and has been admitted into the membership of NIFST as a professional member;</i> (b) is by law entitled to practice for all purposes as a <i>Food Professional</i> in the country in which the qualification was granted; and	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>In conflict with NAFDAC Act.</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	(c) he holds at least one of the qualification prescribed for the purpose of registration and has complied with other requirements prescribed under this Act. (2) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, a person is entitled to be registered under the provisions of this Act, if he holds such certificate as may be recognized by the Council, from time to time. (3) A person applying for registration under this Bill shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that he is a fit and proper person. (4) The Council may, in its sole discretion, provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this section or direct that the application be renewed within such period, as may be specified in the direction. (5) An entry directed to be made in the register, under subsection (5) of this section, shall show that the registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration, without the consent of the Council signified in writing in that behalf. (6) The Council shall, from time to time, publish in the Gazette, particulars of qualifications for the time being, accepted for registration under this Act.	(c) holds at least one of the qualifications prescribed for the purpose of registration and has complied with other requirements prescribed under this <i>Bill</i>. (2) Subject to subsection (1), a person is entitled to be registered under the provisions of this <i>Bill</i>, if he holds such certificate as may be <i>recognised</i> by the Council. (3) Retained (4) Retained (5) An entry directed to be made in the register, under <i>this subsection</i>, shall show that the registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration, without the consent of the Council signified in writing in that behalf. (6) The Council shall, from time-to-time, publish in the <i>Federal Government</i> Gazette particulars of qualifications for the time being, accepted for registration under this <i>Bill</i>.	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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12.	12. Practicing fee (1) No registered person shall practice the food profession in any year unless, he has paid to the Council in respect of that year, the appropriate practicing fee, as determined by the Council from time to time, which shall be due on the 1st of January of every year. (2) Any registered person who practices without paying the practicing fee, commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine of twice the prescribed fee for each of the years he is in default of payment of the practicing fee.	12. Practicing fee <i>(1) No registered person shall practice the Food Profession in any year unless he has paid to the Council in respect of that year, the appropriate practicing fee as determined by the Council, which shall be due on the 1st of January of every year.</i> (2) Any registered person who practices without paying the practicing fee commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of twice the prescribed fee for each of the years he is in default of payment of the practicing <i>fees</i>.	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
13.	13. Approval of Institutions qualifications (1) The Council may, in conjunction with the appropriate bodies, approve any institution of learning for the purpose of this Act and may approve- (a) any course of training at any approved institution, which is intended for a person seeking to become or who is already a member of the profession and which in the opinion of the council, is designed to confer on the person on completing it, sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the food profession; (b) any qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course	13. Approval of Institutions qualifications (1) The Council may, in conjunction with the appropriate bodies, approve any institution of learning for the purpose of this <i>Bill</i> and may approve- (a) a course of training at <i>an</i> approved institution, which is intended for a person seeking to become or who is already a member of the <i>Food Profession</i> and which, in the opinion of the Council, is designed to confer on the person <i>upon completion</i> sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the <i>Food Profession</i>; and (b) any qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>

	of training approved by the council under this section, is granted to a candidate on reading a standard at the examination, indicating in the opinion of the council, that the candidate has sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the profession. (2) The Council may, if it deems fit, withdraw such an approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing such an approval, the Council shall give notice that it proposes to do so, to persons in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be persons by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be, and- (a) afford each such person, an opportunity of making to the Council representations with regard to the proposal; and (b) take into consideration, any representation made with respect to the proposal, in pursuance of paragraph (a) of this subsection. (3) A course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved during any period the approval is withdrawn under subsection (2) of this section. (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the withdrawal of an approval under subsection (2) of this section, shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of a person who, by virtue of the approval was registered or was eligible for registration	of training approved by the council under this section, is granted to a candidate on reaching a standard at the examination, indicating, in the opinion of the council, that the candidate has sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the Food Profession. (2) The Council may, if it deems fit, withdraw such an approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing such an approval, the Council shall give notice that it proposes to do so, to persons in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be persons by who conduct the course, grant the qualification or control the institution, and: (a) afford each person an opportunity of making representations to the Council regarding to the proposal; and (b) take into consideration, any representation made with respect to the proposal, under paragraph (a). (3) A course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved during any period the approval is withdrawn under subsection (2). (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), the withdrawal of an approval under subsection (2), shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of a person who, by virtue of the approval was registered or was eligible for	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	(either unconditionally or subject to his obtaining a certificate of experience) immediately before the approval was withdrawn. (5) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section, shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify, in instrument and the Council shall- (a) cause a copy of the instrument to be published, as soon as possible, in the Gazette and a National Newspaper, and (b) not later than 7 days before the publication of the instrument as provided in paragraph (a), send a copy of the instrument to the Minister.	registration (either unconditionally or subject to his obtaining a certificate of experience) immediately before the approval was withdrawn. (5) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section, shall have effect from <i>the</i> date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in instrument and the Council shall- (a) cause a copy of the instrument to be published, as soon as possible, in the <i>Federal Government</i> Gazette and a National Newspaper, and (b) not later than <i>seven</i> days before the publication of the instrument as provided in paragraph (a), send a copy of the instrument to the Minister.	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
14.	14. Supervising institutions and examinations leading to approve qualifications (1) The Council shall keep itself informed of the nature of- (a) the instructions given at approved institutions to persons attending approved course of training; and (b) the examinations, as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and for the purpose of performing that duty, the council may appoint, either from among its own members or otherwise,	14. Supervising institutions and examinations leading to approve qualifications (1) The Council shall keep itself informed of the nature of the - (a) Retained (b) Retained	

	persons to visit approved instructions or to observe such examinations. (2) A person appointed under this section, shall report to the Council on- (a) the adequacy of the instruction given to persons attending approval courses of training at institutions visited by him; (b) the conduct and adequacy of the examinations observed by him; (c) any other mater relating to the institutions or examinations, on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request him to report, but no such person shall interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of examination. (3) On receiving a report made under this section, the Council may, if it deems fit, and shall, if so required by the institution, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examination to which the institution's examination report relates, requesting that person to make observation on the report to the Council, with such period as may be specified in the request, not being less than I month beginning with the date of the request.		
	(2) A person appointed under this section, shall report to the Council on- (a) the adequacy of the instruction given to persons attending <i>approved</i> courses of training at institutions visited by him; (b) the conduct and adequacy of the examinations observed by him; <i>and</i> (c) any other mater relating to the institutions or examinations, on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request him to report, <i>the</i> person shall <i>not</i> interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of examination. (3) Retained	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>	

15.	PART IV – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS 15. Fund of the Council (1) There is established, a Fund for the Council (in this Act referred to as “the Fund of the Fund”). (2) There shall be paid into the Fund of the Council (a) Money paid to the Council by way of grants, subsidies, foreign aid and donations from NIFST, governments and non-government partners, gifts, charges, fees, subscriptions and interests; and (b) such other money accruing to or vested in the Council in respect of any matter incidental to its powers and functions under this <i>Bill</i>. (3) There shall be paid out of the Fund of the Council established under subsection (1) of this section- (a) the costs of administration of the Council; (b) the emoluments, allowance and benefits of members of the council, reimbursement of members of the Council or any committee set up by the Council and for such other expenses as may be authorized by the Council; (c) the payment of the salaries, fees, or other benefits payable to the staff and other employees of the Council, so however that, no payment of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be authorized by the Council) shall be made to any	PART IV – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS 15. Fund of the Council (1) There is established, a fund for the Council (in this <i>Bill</i> referred to as “the Fund”). (2) There shall be paid into the Fund - (a) <i>grants, subsidies, foreign aid and donations from NIFST, governments and non-government partners, gifts, charges, fees, subscriptions and interests; and</i> (b) Retained (3) There shall be paid out of the Fund: (a) Retained (b) Retained (c) the payment of the salaries, fees, or other benefits payable to the staff and other employees of the <i>Council and no payment</i> of any kind under this paragraph (except such as may be authorized by the Council) shall be made to any	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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16.	person, who is in receipt of emoluments from Government of the Federation or of a State; (d) expenditures in support of training; (e) research; (f) costs of development and maintenance of any property vested in or owned by the Council; and (g) any other expenditure approved by the Council, for the discharge of its functions and obligations under this <i>Bill</i>. (4) The Council may invest any surplus fund, in the securities created or issued by it or in other securities or ventures in Nigeria approved by the Council and the income generated thereby paid into the Fund. (5) The Council may, from time to time, subject to the approval of the Minister, borrow money for the purpose of the Council and its functions under this Act and Such money and interests payable on such money shall be paid out of the Fund. 16. Annual estimates The Council shall, not later than the 30th September in each year submit to the Minister a work-plan, the annual estimates of its income and expenditure for the succeeding year.	person, who is in receipt of emoluments from Government of the Federation or of a State; (d) Retained (e) Retained (f) Retained (g) Retained (4) The Council may invest any surplus fund, in the securities created or issued by it or in other securities or ventures in Nigeria approved by the Council and the income generated <i>from the investment will be</i> paid into the Fund. (5) The Council may subject to the approval of the Minister, borrow money for the purpose of the Council and its functions under this <i>Bill</i> and Such money and interests payable on <i>the</i> money shall be paid out of the Fund. 16. Annual estimates The Council shall, not later than the 30th September in each year, submit to the Minister a <i>work-plan and the annual estimates</i> of its income and expenditure for the succeeding year.	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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17.	17. Account and Audit The Council shall keep proper accounts of its finances and the records of those accounts and shall cause the account to be audited as soon as possible after the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate, by a firm of auditors approved by the Council, from the "list of auditors provided by the Auditor-General of the Federation.	17. Account and Audit The Council shall keep proper accounts of its finances and the records of those accounts <i>and cause</i> the account to be audited as soon as possible after the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate, by a firm of auditors approved by the Council, from the "list of auditors provided by the Auditor-General of the Federation.	<i>Amended</i>
18.	18. Annual Reports (1) The Council shall prepare and submit to the minister not later than 30th June in each financial year, a report on the activities of the Council during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in the report, a copy of the audited accounts of the Council for that year and the auditor's report on the accounts. (2) The Minister shall submit the report and any recommendation made by him to the Federal Executive Council.	18. Annual Reports (1) <i>The Council shall prepare and submit, to the minister not later than 30th June in each financial year, a report on the activities of the Council during the immediate preceding year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Council for that year and the auditor's report on the accounts.</i> (2) Retained	<i>Amended</i>
19.	PART V – PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE 19. Establishment of Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel (1) There is established the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology Investigating Panel (in this	PART V – PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE 19. Establishment of Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel (1) There is established the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology Investigating Panel	Investigating Panel precedes Disciplinary Tribunal in legislative logical sequence.

	Act referred to as “the investigating Panel”) which shall be charged with the duty of- (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a person registered is guilty of misconduct in his capacity as a food professional or shall for any other person, be the subject of proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal; and (b) deciding whether the case shall be referred to the disciplinary Tribunal. (2) The Investigation Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of 2 members of the Council and one other registered food professional, who is not a member of the council. (3) there is established the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology disciplinary Tribunal (in this Act referred to as “the Disciplinary Tribunal”) which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the investigating panel established under subsection (1) of this section and any other case of which the Disciplinary Tribunal has cognizance, under this Act. (4) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and 6 other members of the Council appointed by the Council, provided that, a member of the Tribunal, and provided that no person who has accused the respondent is appointed a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal.	(in this <i>Bill</i> referred to as “the Investigating Panel”) which shall be charged with the duty of- (a) <i>conducting</i> a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a person registered is guilty of misconduct in his capacity as a <i>Food Professional</i> or shall, for any other person, be the subject of Proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal; and (c) Retained (2) The Investigating Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of <i>two</i> members of the Council and one other registered food professional, who is not a member of the council. (3) There is established the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology Disciplinary Tribunal (in this <i>Bill</i> referred to as “the Disciplinary Tribunal”) which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Investigating Panel and any other case of which the Disciplinary Tribunal has cognizance, under this <i>Bill</i>. (4) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and <i>six</i> other members of the Council appointed by the Council, provided that, a member of the Tribunal, and provided that no person who has accused the respondent is appointed a	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> Second Schedule
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	(5) The provisions of Second Schedule to this Act shall, so far as they are applicable to the Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel respectively, have effect in respect of those bodies. (6) The Council may make rules, not inconsistent with this Act, as to acts which constitute professional misconduct. 20. Penalty for Unprofessional Conduct (1) Where- (a) a person registered under this Act is adjudged by the Disciplinary Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional matter. (b) a person registered under this Act is convicted by a court or tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere, having power to impose imprisonment a penalty for any offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the disciplinary Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a member of the profession; or (c) the disciplinary Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered. The Disciplinary Tribunal may, if it deems fit, give a directive reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register.	member of the Disciplinary Tribunal. (5) Retained (6) The Council may make rules, not inconsistent with this <i>Bill</i>, as to acts which constitute professional misconduct. 20. Penalty for Unprofessional Conduct (1) Where- (a) a person registered under this <i>Bill</i> is adjudged by the Disciplinary Tribunal to be guilty of infamous <i>misconduct</i> in any professional matter. (b) a person registered under this <i>Bill</i> is convicted by a court or tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to impose imprisonment as penalty for any offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which, in the opinion of the disciplinary Tribunal, is incompatible with the status of a member of the <i>Food Profession</i>; or (c) the <i>Disciplinary</i> Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered, the Disciplinary Tribunal may, if it deems fit, give a directive reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register.	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	(2) The Disciplinary Tribunal may, if it deems fit defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the disciplinary Tribunal, but- (a) no decision shall be deferred under this subsection, for periods exceeding 1 year in the aggregate; and (b) no person shall be a member of the disciplinary Tribunal, for the purpose of reaching a decision which has been deferred, unless he was present as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal when the decision was deferred. (3) For the purpose of subsection (1)(b) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted, unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction. (4) When the Disciplinary Tribunal gives a direction under subsection (1) of the section, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates. (5) A person to whom a direction relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of notice of the directive, appeal against the directive to the Federal High Court and the Disciplinary Tribunal may, appear as the respondent to the appeal and for the purpose of enabling directives to be given as to the	(2) The Disciplinary Tribunal may, if it deems fit defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) until a subsequent meeting of the <i>Disciplinary</i> Tribunal, but <i>no</i> - (a) decision shall be deferred under this subsection, for periods exceeding <i>one</i> year in the aggregate; and (b) person shall be a member of the <i>Disciplinary</i> Tribunal, for the purpose of reaching a decision which has been deferred, unless he was present as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal when the decision was deferred. (3) For the purpose of <i>subsection (1) (b)</i>, a person shall not be treated as convicted unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction. (4) When the Disciplinary Tribunal gives a direction under <i>subsection (1)</i>, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates. (5) A person to whom a direction relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of notice of the directive, appeal against the directive to the Federal High Court and the Disciplinary Tribunal may, appear as the respondent to the appeal and for the purpose of enabling	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	costs of the appeal and of proceedings before the Federal High Court, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party thereto, whether or not it appears on the haring of the appeal. (6) A directive of the Disciplinary Tribunal under subsection (1) of this section, shall take effect where – (a) no appeal is brought against the direction, within the time limit provided for the appeal or on the expiration of that time; (b) an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal; and (c) an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out as provided in paragraph (a), if and when the appeal is dismissed. (7) A directive of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall not take effect, in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. (8) A person whose name is struck off the register under the directive of the Disciplinary Tribunal under this section, shall not be entitled to be registered again, except in pursuance of a directive in that behalf, and a directive under this section for the striking off a person's name from the register may, prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the	directives to be given as to the costs of the appeal and of proceedings before the Federal High Court, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party thereto, whether or not it appears on the <i>hearing</i> of the appeal. (6) A directive of the Disciplinary Tribunal under <i>subsection (1)</i>, shall take effect where – (a) Retained (b) Retained (c) Retained (7) A directive of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall not take effect, <i>except</i> in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. (8) A person whose name is struck off the register under the directive of the Disciplinary Tribunal under this section, shall not be entitled to be registered again, except <i>under</i> a directive in that behalf and, a directive under this section <i>to strike</i> off a person's name from the register may, prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	directive (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application) as may be specified in the directive. PART V – MISCELLANEOUS 21. Application of the Act to unregistered person A person who is not a registered food professional, who but for this Act, would have qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the food profession may, within the period of 6 months beginning from the commencement of this Act, apply for registration by the Council, in such manner a may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and if approved, he shall be registered according to his qualification. 22. When a person is deemed to practice is a food professional (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a person shall be deemed to practice as a food professional if, in consideration of the remuneration received, and whether by himself or in partnership with any other person, he - (a) engages himself in the practice of the professional holds himself out to the public as a food professional; (b) offers to perform or performs any service	from the date of the directive (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application) as may be specified in the directive. PART V – MISCELLANEOUS 21. Application of the <i>Bill</i> to unregistered person A person who is not a registered Food Professional, who but for this <i>Bill</i>, would have qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the food profession may, within the period of <i>six</i> months beginning from the commencement of this <i>Bill</i>, apply for registration by the Council, in such manner a may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and if approved, he shall be registered according to his qualification. 22. When a person is deemed to practice as a <i>Food Professional</i> (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person shall be deemed to practice as a <i>Food Professional</i> if, in consideration of the remuneration received and whether by himself or in partnership with any other person, he - (a) engages himself in the practice of the <i>Food Professional and</i> holds himself out to the public as a <i>Food Professional</i>; (b) offers to perform or performs any	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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23.	involving the knowledge of the profession; (c) renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to the profession, or (d) renders any other service, which may by regulation made by the Council, with the approval of the Minister, be designated as service constituting practice of the food profession. (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to persons who, while in the employment of any Government, perform duties of a food professional. 23. Rules as to practice (1) Notwithstanding section 14 (1), the Council may make rules – (a) for the training of suitable persons in food science and technology; and (b) for the supervision and regulation of the engagement, training on the job and transfer of suitable persons registered as food professionals. (2) The Council may also make rules – (a) prescribing the form of licence to practice which shall be issued annually or, if the Council deems fit, by endorsement in an existing licence; and	service involving the knowledge of the <i>Food Profession</i>; (c) Retained (d) renders any other <i>service which may</i>, by regulation made by the Council with the approval of the Minister, be designated as service constituting practice of the food profession. (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to persons who, while in the employment of any Government, perform duties <i>of a Food Professional</i>. 23. Rules as to practice (1) Notwithstanding section 14 (1), the Council may make rules <i>for the</i> – (a) training of suitable persons in <i>the Food Professional</i>; and (b) <i>supervision and regulation</i> of the engagement, training on the job and transfer of suitable persons registered as <i>Food Professionals</i>. (2) Retained (a) Retained	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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24.	(b) prescribing the period of practical training to be completed in the premises of a member of the profession in practice, before a person qualifies for a licence to practice as a food professional. (3) Rules when made under this section shall, if the Chairman of the Council so directs, be published in the Gazette. 24. Provision of library research facilities etc The Council shall – (a) provide and maintain a print and electronic library and research facilities as the Council may deem necessary, to perform the functions of the Council under this Act. (b) promote training and research into food processing preservation and quality control systems, systems management and allied matters; and (c) co-ordinate food information management system in the country, to facilitate studies and research in food science and technology development in Nigeria.	(b) Retained (3) Rules when made under this section shall, if the Chairman of the Council so directs, be published in the <i>Federal Government</i> Gazette. 24. Provision of library research facilities etc The Council shall – (a) Retained (b) Retained (c) Retained	<i>Amended</i>
25.	25. Offences (1) A food professional shall not practice in premises that is not registered by the Council. (2) A person who, for the purpose of procuring the	25. Offences (1) Retained (2) Retained	

	registration of any name, qualification or other material- (a) makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material particular; or (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular; commits an offence under this Bill. (3) Where, on or after the relevant date, a person who is not a registered member of the food profession practices or holds himself out to practice for or in expectation of a reward or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description, implying that he is a member of the food profession, commits an offence under this Act, but in the case of a person falling within section 5 (5) of this Act. (a) this subsection shall not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of <i>six</i> months mentioned in that section; and (b) if, within that period, he duly applies for membership of the profession, and unless within that period he is notified that his application has not been approved, this subsection shall not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is registered or is notified. (4) Where the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Council, willfully makes any falsification or colludes with another within or outside	(a) Retained (b) Retained (3) Where, on or after the relevant date, a person who is not a registered member of the <i>Food Profession</i> practices or holds himself out to practice for or in expectation of a reward or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is a member of the <i>Food Profession</i>, commits an offence under this <i>Bill</i>, but in the case of a person falling within section 5 (5) of this <i>Bill</i> - (a) Retained (b) Retained (4) Retained	<i>Amended</i>
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	the Council in any matter relating to the register, the Registrar or such other person commits an offence. (5) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable on conviction – (a) for the first offender, to a fine of not less than N50,000 and not exceeding N100, 000; and (b) for the second or any subsequent offender, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of any amount not less than N200,000 or both. (6) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, he is deemed to have committed the offence, and is liable to be prosecuted and punished accordingly. (7) In this section, “the relevant date” means the first anniversary of the coming into force of this Act or such earlier date as may be prescribed for the purpose of this section by order of the Minister published in the Gazette. (8) Any member of Council who, in respect of any year and without paying the prescribed practicing fee, practices as such, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction –	
	(5) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable on conviction – (a) for the first offender, to a fine of <i>at least</i> N50,000 and <i>at least</i> N100, 000; and (b) for the second or any subsequent offender, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding <i>two</i> years or to a fine of <i>at least</i> N200,000 or both. (6) Retained (7) In this section, “the relevant date” means the first anniversary of the coming into force of this <i>Bill</i> or such earlier date as may be prescribed for the purpose of this section by order of the Minister published in the <i>Federal Government</i> Gazette. (8) Any member of <i>the</i> Council who, in respect of any year and without paying the prescribed practicing fee, practices as such, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction <i>in the case of a</i> –	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>

	(a) in the case of a first offender, to a fine, twice the prescribed practicing fee; (b) in the case of a second or subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than, three the prescribed practicing fee.	(a) first offender, to a fine, twice the prescribed practicing fee; <i>and</i> <i>(b) second or subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than, three the prescribed practicing fee.</i>	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
26.	26. Regulations Regulations made under this Bill shall, if unopposed within 21 days, stand.	26. Regulations Retained	
27.	27. Interpretation In this Act – “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology appointed under section 2 (1)(a) of this Act; “Council” means the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology, established under section 1 of this Act. “Disciplinary Tribunal” means the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology Disciplinary Tribunal established under section 19(3) of the Act. “Food Profession” means the profession of food science and technology; “Food Professional” means a person who is qualified for the membership of NIFEST, admitted and registered by the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology, for the	27. Interpretation In this <i>Bill</i> - Retained Retained Retained Retained Retained	

	purpose of this Bill; “Investigating Panel” means the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology Investigating Panel, established under section 19(1) of this Bill;\ “Minister” means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to science and technology; “NIFST” means the Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology; “Relevant Authority” means body charged with the registration of food premises by either the Federal, State or Local Government; and “Registrar” means the Registrar, appointed by the Council, under section 6 (1)(a) of this Act.	Retained Retained Retained Retained Retained	
28.	28. Citation This Act may be cited as the Nigerian Council of Food Science and technology Act. 2010	28. Citation This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology Bill, 2018	Amended

	SCHEDULES FIRST SCHEDULE Section 2 (4) SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL Qualifications, Election and Tenure of office of Members of the Council 1. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, a member of NIFST, excluding its out-going President may, be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Chairman of the Council during its annual general meeting preceding the date of their appointment as members of the Council. 2. An elected or nominated member of the Council, upon its recommendation, shall be appointed by the Minister, to hold office for a period of 3 years, beginning from the date of such appointment into the Council. 3. A member of the Council who ceases to be a member of NIFST shall, if he is also an elected member of the Council cease to be a member of the Council. 4. An elected member of the Council may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman, resign from the Council and any nominated member may, through the organization he represents, in the same manner resign from the Council.	SCHEDULES FIRST SCHEDULE Section 2 (4) SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL Qualifications, Election and Tenure of office of Members of the Council 1. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, a member of NIFST, excluding its out-going President, may be elected as Vice-Chairman <i>or</i> the Chairman of the Council during its annual general meeting preceding the date of their appointment as members of the Council. 2. An elected or nominated member of the Council, upon its recommendation shall be appointed by the Minister, to hold office for a period of <i>three</i> years beginning from the date of such appointment into the Council. 3. Retained 4. An elected member of the Council may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman, resign from the Council and any nominated member may, through the organization he represents in the same <i>manner</i>,	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	5. At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman shall preside, in his absence the Vice- Chairman shall preside, and in the absence of the Vic-Chairman, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their member to preside at the meeting. 6. Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member, for such period as the Council deems fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this provision, shall not be entitled to vote at such a meeting and shall not count towards a quorum. 7. Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of this Schedule, the first meeting of the Council shall be convened, after consultation with the Minister. 8. (1) A special meeting of the Council shall be convened at anytime, if not less than 10 members of the food profession required it by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar, setting out the objects of the proposed meeting, and the Chairman shall cause the meeting to be convened. (2) The quorum for any meeting of the Council or any of its Committees shall be one third of its members, while that of the food profession, shall be one tenth of its registered members.	resign from the Council. 5. At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman shall preside, in his absence the Vice- Chairman shall preside, and in the absence of the Vic-Chairman, the members present at the meeting shall <i>appoint one of their member to preside</i>. 6. Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as <i>a member for such period</i> as the Council deems fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this <i>provision shall not</i> be entitled to vote at such a meeting and shall not count towards a quorum. 7. Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of this Schedule, the first meeting of the Council shall be <i>convened after consultation</i> with the Minister. 8. (1) A special meeting of the Council shall be convened at anytime if <i>at least</i> 10 members of the <i>Food Profession</i> required it by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar, setting out the objects of the proposed meeting and, the Chairman shall cause the meeting to be convened. (2) The quorum for any meeting of the Council or any of its Committees shall be one third of its members, while that of the <i>Food Profession</i>, shall be one tenth of its registered members.	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	<i>Committees</i> 9. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees, to carry out on behalf of the, such function as the Council may determine. (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall, consist of the number of persons determined by the Council, of whom, not more than one-third may, be food professional who are not members of the Council. (3) A person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the letter by which he is appointed. (4) Decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect, until it is confirmed by the Council. <i>Miscellaneous</i> 10. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, or of some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose. (2) A contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, and may be made or executed on behalf of the Council, as the	<i>Committees</i> 9. (1) The Council may appoint one or more <i>committees to carry out function as the Council may determine.</i> (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by <i>the Council of whom,</i> not more than <i>one-third may be</i> food professionals who are not members of the Council. (3) Retained (4) Decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no <i>effect until</i> it is confirmed by the Council. <i>Miscellaneous</i> 10. (1) The <i>affixing</i> of the seal of the <i>Council</i> shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or of some other member of the Council authorised generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose. (2) Retained	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	case may be, by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council. (3) Any document purporting to be a document dully executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved be deemed to be so executed. 11. The validity of any proceeding of the meeting of the Council or of a committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by – (a) any vacancy in membership; (b) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council , or of a person serving on the Committee; or (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings. 12. A member of the Council and any person holding office on a committee of the Council who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or on behalf of the Council shall immediately disclose his interest to the Council, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement. 13. A person shall not by reason of his professional membership of the Council be treated as holding an office in the public service of the Federation.	(3) Retained 11. Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained (c) Retained 12. Retained 13. Retained	
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	SECOND SCHEDULE Section 19 (5) SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL AND THE INVESTIGATING PANEL <i>The Disciplinary Tribunal</i> 1. The quorum of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be 4, at least 2 of whom shall be registered fool professionals. 2. (1) The Attorney-General of the Federation may make rules as to- (a) the selection of members of the Disciplinary Tribunal for the purpose of any proceeding; (b) the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings; and (c) the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in the proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal. (2) The rules shall, in particular, provide for – (a) securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such time and in such manner, as may be specified by the rule, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings; (b) who, in addition to the person mentioned in,	SECOND SCHEDULE Section 19 (5) SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL AND THE INVESTIGATING PANEL <i>The Disciplinary Tribunal</i> 1. The quorum of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be <i>four</i>, at least <i>two</i> of whom shall, be registered fool professionals. 2. (1) Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained (c) Retained 2. Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained	<i>Amended</i>
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	paragraph (a) shall be a party to the proceedings; (c) securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requests, be entitled to be heard by the Disciplinary Tribunal; (d) securing that any party to the proceedings may be represented by a legal practitioner; (e) subject to the provisions of section 20 (5) of this Act, as to the costs of proceedings before the Disciplinary tribunal; (f) requiring, in a case where it I alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any respect, that where the Disciplinary Tribunal adjudges that the allegation has not been proved, it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates; and (g) publishing in the Gazette, notice of any directive of the Disciplinary Tribunal which has taken effect, providing that a person's named shall be struck off a register. 3. For the purpose of any proceeding before the Disciplinary Tribunal, any member of the Disciplinary Tribunal may, at Minister oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the Registry of the High Court, writs of subpoena and <i>testificandum duces tecum</i>, but no person spearing	(c) Retained (d) Retained (e) subject to the provisions of section 2 (5) of this <i>Bill</i>, as to the costs of proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal; (f) Retained (g) publishing in the <i>Federal Government</i> Gazette, notice of any directive of the Disciplinary Tribunal which has taken effect, providing that a person's name shall be struck off a register. 3. For the purpose of any proceeding before the Disciplinary Tribunal, any member of the Disciplinary Tribunal may <i>administer</i> oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue, out of the Registry of the High Court, writs of <i>subpoeana</i> ad <i>testificandum duces tecum</i> but no person	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	before the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be compelled- (a) to make any statement before the Disciplinary Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or (b) to produce any document under such writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action. 4. (1) For the purpose of advising the Disciplinary Tribunal on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings, be an assessor to the Disciplinary Tribunal, who shall be appointed by the Council, on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 7 years standing. (2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessor appointed under this paragraph and in particular, such rules shall contain provisions for securing – (a) that where an assessor advises the Disciplinary Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matter specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who <i>pose</i> threat; or (b) if the advice <i>is</i> tendered while the Disciplinary Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person shall be informed of what advice the assessor has rendered; and	<i>appearing</i> before the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be compelled- (a) Retained (b) Retained 4. (1) For the purpose of advising the Disciplinary Tribunal on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall, in all such proceedings, be an assessor to the Disciplinary Tribunal, who shall be appointed by the Council, on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than <i>seven</i> years standing. (2) Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained	<i>Amended</i>
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	(c) that every such party or person shall be informed of it in any case the Disciplinary Tribunal does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question. (3) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceeding or class of proceeding and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the letter by which he is appointed <i>The Investigating Panel</i> 5. The quorum of the Investigating Panel shall be 3. 6. (1) The Investigating Panel may, at any of its meetings attended by all its members, make standing orders with respect to the Investigating Panel. (2) Subject to the provisions of the standing orders, the Investigating Panel may regulate its own procedure. 7. (1) A person who ceases to be a member of the disciplinary tribunal or the investigating Panel shall be eligible for re-appointment as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal or investigation Panel, as the case may be (2) A person may, if eligible, be a member of both Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel, but	(c) Retained (3) Retained <i>The Investigating Panel</i> 5. The quorum of the Investigating Panel shall be <i>three</i>. 6 (1) Retained (2) Retained 7. (1) A person who ceases to be a member of the <i>Disciplinary Tribunal</i> or the <i>Investigating Panel</i> shall be eligible for re-appointment as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal or <i>Investigation</i> Panel, as the case may be (2) A person may, if eligible, be a member of both <i>Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating</i>	<i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i> <i>Amended</i>
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	no person who acted as a member of the Investigating Panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal with respect to that case. 8. The Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidate by any irregularity in the appointment of member of that body or subject to paragraph 7 (2) of this Schedule, by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body. 9. All expenses of the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel shall be defrayed by the Council.	<i>Panel but</i>, no person who acted as a member of the Investigating Panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal with respect to that case. 8. The Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership and the proceedings of either body shall not be <i>invalidated</i> by any irregularity in the appointment of <i>a</i> member of that body or subject to paragraph 7 (2) of this Schedule, by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body. 9. Retained	<i>Amended</i>
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