

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON "THE ISLAMABAD
CAPITAL TERRITORY FOOD SAFETY BILL, 2019"**

I, the Chairman of Standing Committee on Interior have the honor to present this report on the Bill to provide for the safety and standards of food and for establishment of the Islamabad Food Authority [The Islamabad Capital Territory Food Safety Bill, 2019] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 1st August, 2019.

2. The Committee comprises the following:

1) Raja Khurram Shahzad Nawaz	Chairman
2) Mr. Sher Akbar Khan	Member
3) Mehar Ghulam Muhammad Lali	Member
4) Mr. Raza Nasrullah	Member
5) Khawaja Sheraz Mehmood	Member
6) Mr. Rahat Aman Ullah Bhatti	Member
7) Malik Karamat Ali Khokhar	Member
8) Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai	Member
9) Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak	Member
10) Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Mengal	Member
11) Nawabzada Shazain Bugti.	Member
12) Malik Sohail Khan	Member
13) Syed Iftikhar Ul Hassan	Member
14) Mr. Mohammad Pervaiz Malik	Member
15) Mr. Nadeem Abbas	Member
16) Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib	Member
17) Syed Agha Rafiullah	Member
18) Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur	Member
19) Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel	Member
20) Mr. Asmatullah	Member
21) Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah	Ex-officio Member
Minister for Interior	

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly, placed at **Annex-A**, in its meetings held on 19-09-2019 and 04-10-2019. The Committee made the following amendments therein.-

(1)

Clause 3

Clause 3 shall be substituted with following.-

"3. Establishment of the Food Authority.- (1) The Government shall, by notification, establish the ICT Food Authority to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Food Authority shall consist of a Board comprising a Chairperson and following Members, namely:-

(a)	Chief Commissioner ICT.	Chairperson
(b)	Representative of the Ministry of Health Regulation not below BS-19.	Member
(c)	Representative of the Ministry of Interior not below BS-19.	Member
(d)	Representative of the Government, Food Security not below BS-19.	Member
(e)	Two members of the National Assembly of the ICT to be nominated by the Government.	Member
(f)	Two food technologists or scientists to be nominated by the Government.	Member
(g)	One representative of the Chambers of Commerce & Industry to be nominated by the Government.	Member
(h)	One representative of Industry to be nominated by the Government.	Member
(i)	One representative of Food Operator to be nominated by the Government.	Member Secretary

(3) The members other than the *ex-officio* members shall be appointed in the manner and term as prescribed.

(4) The general directions and superintendence of the affairs of the Authority shall vest in Board who with the assistance of Director Food Authority shall discharge its functions under the guidance and instructions on policy matters by the Federal Government.

(5) The Board may, with the prior approval of the Chairperson, co-opt any other person as a member.

(6) The Chairperson and members, other than *ex-officio* members, shall be appointed in such manner as to ensure the highest standards of professional competence and experience.

(7) A meeting of the Board shall be held in the manner provided by the regulations, and until so provided, as may be determined by the Board.

(8) The Secretary of the Board shall, on the direction of the Chairperson, call a meeting of the Board.

(9) The Board shall meet at least thrice in a year.

(10) The Chairperson, or in his/her absence, any other member elected by the members present at a meeting, shall preside at a meeting of the Board.

(11) The quorum for a meeting shall be one third of the total members, the fraction being counted as one.

(12) No act or proceedings of the Board shall be questioned or invalidated merely on the ground of existence of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Board.

(2)

Clause 5

In clause 5, sub-clause (4), shall be omitted.”

4. The Committee recommends that the Bill as reported by the Standing Committee placed at **Annex-B** may be passed by the National Assembly.

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(TAHIR HUSSAIN)

Secretary

Islamabad, the 9th January, 2019

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(RAJA KHURRAM SHAHZAD NAWAZ)

Chairman

Standing Committee on Interior

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to provide for the safety and standards of food and for establishment of the Islamabad Food Authority.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to protect public health, to provide for the safety and standards of food, to establish the Islamabad Food Authority and for other connected matters;

It is enacted as follows:-

Chapter-1**PRELIMINARY**

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Capital Territory Food Safety Act, 2019.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification, specify.

2. **Definitions.**- (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires.-

(i) "Act" means the Islamabad Capital Territory Food Safety Act, 2019.

(ii) "Adulterated Food" means an article of food:-

(a) which is not of the nature, substance or quality which it purports or represented to be; or

(b) which contains any such extraneous substance which may affect adversely the nature, substance or quality thereof; or

(c) which is processed, mixed, coloured, powdered or coated with any other substance in contravention of any provision of the Act rules or regulations; or

(d) any constituent which has been wholly or in part abstracted so as to affect injuriously its nature, substance or quality; or

(e) which contains any poisonous or other ingredient which may render it injurious to health; or

(f) the quality or purity of which does not conform to the prescribed standards; or

(g) which having been prepared, packed or kept under unhygienic and insanitary conditions, or has become contaminated or injurious to health;

(iii) "Advertisement" means any publicity, representation or pronouncement made by any means for the purposes of promoting, directly or indirectly, the sale or other disposal of any food;

- (iv) "Competent Authority" means the Secretary Ministry of Interior;
- (v) "Consumer" means any person that purchases the food against consideration or otherwise;
- (vi) "Director Food Authority" means Officer appointed or nominated by the Competent Authority for the purposes of this Act;
- (vii) "Fee" means the amount prescribed by the rules;
- (viii) "Food" means anything whether processed, semi processed, raw or cooked and used as food adulterant for human consumption other than drugs as defined in the Drug Act, 1976 (XXXI of 1976) and includes:-

- (a) any substance intended to be used in composition or preparation of food;
- (b) any flavouring matter or condiment;
- (c) any colouring matter intended to be used in food;
- (d) chewing gum, confectionery and other products of the like nature; and
- (e) water in any form, including ice, either for direct human or use in the composition or preparation of food:

Provided that Competent Authority may declare, by notification in the Official Gazette, any article as food for the purposes of this Act:

Provided further that an article shall not cease to be food by reason only that it is also capable of being used as a medicine;

- (ix) "Food Additive" includes any substance which, normally, is not consumed as food, by itself, but is used as a typical ingredient of the food, the addition of which to the food affects the characteristics of such food;
- (x) "Food Authority" means the ICT Food Authority established under Section 3 of the Act;
- (xi) "Food Business" means any undertaking establishment or concern whether maintained for profit or otherwise, carrying on any of the activities related to any stage of manufacturing, processing, packaging, import, export, storage, transportation, distribution of food and includes services like catering, distribution and sale of food or food ingredients;
- (xii) "Food Laboratory" means any laboratory or institute to be declared by the Competent Authority.
- (xiii) "Food Safety Officer" means any officer appointed as such, by the Competent Authority;
- (xiv) "Godown" means a place where articles of food are received or stored for Sale or delivery to a customer or consignee, and includes godowns of the Railways and other transport agencies, etc.
- (xv) "Food Tribunal" means any Magistrate, not less than First Class, notified as tribunal under the Act;
- (xvi) "Government" means the Islamabad Capital Territory.