

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

*further to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (II of 2013), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act shall be called the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once, unless specified otherwise.

**2. Amendment of section 1, Act II of 2013.**- In the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (II of 2013), hereinafter called as the said Act, in section 1, in sub-section (4), the expression "1st January, 2022" shall be substituted with "1st January 2023".

**3. Amendment of section 2, Act II of 2013.**- In the said Act, in section 2, for clause (p), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

(p) "Regulator" means the Director General or any other officer not below basic pay scale 20 appointed by the division concerned to perform functions under this Act."

**4. Amendment of section 3, Act II of 2013.**- In the said Act, in section 3,-

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (2), in clause (b), in the proviso, for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and

(c) in sub-section (5), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted.

**5. Amendment of section 4, Act II of 2013.**- In the said Act, in section 4,-

- (a) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the word "Regulator" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the word "Regulator" shall be substituted.

**6. Amendment of section 7, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 7,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted;
- (c) in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted; and
- (d) in sub-section (4), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted.

**7. Amendment of section 8, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 8, in sub-section (1),-

- (a) in clause (a), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted;
- (b) in clause (b), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted; and
- (c) in clause (c), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted.

**8. Amendment of section 9, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 9, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the word, "Regulator" shall be substituted.

**9. Amendment of section 12, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 12,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and

- (b) in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**10. Amendment of section 13, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 13,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**11. Amendment of section 15, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 15, in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the words, "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**12. Amendment of section 16, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 16,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (2),-
  - (i) in clause (b), for the words "Federal Government", the words "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and
  - (ii) in clause (c), for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the words "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**13. Amendment of section 17, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 17, in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the words, "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**14. Amendment of section 19, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 19, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the

words, "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**15. Amendment of section 20, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 20, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words, "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**16. Amendment of section 21, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 21,-

- (a) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", the words "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the words "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and
- (c) in sub-section (4), for the words "Federal Government", the words "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**17. Amendment of section 22, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 22, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words, "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**18. Amendment of section 23, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 23, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words, "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**19. Amendment of section 27, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 27, in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" and for the word "it", the word "he" shall be substituted.

**20. Amendment of section 33, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 33, for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the words, "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

**21. Amendment of section 34, Act II of 2013.-** In the said Act, in section 34, in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the words, "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.