

LAWS OF DOMINICA

**EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES
EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACT**

CHAPTER 82:05

**Act
2 of 1989**

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**Note
on
Subsidiary Legislation**

This Chapter contains no Subsidiary Legislation.

**Note
on
Commencement Date**

This Act was brought into operation on 20th February, 1989 by S.R.O. 34/1990.

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AN ACT to provide for giving legal effect to the Eastern Caribbean States Export Development Agency. 2 of 1989.

[20th February 1989]

Commencement.*

1. This Act may be cited as the –

Short title.

**EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES
EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACT.**

2. In this Act –

Interpretation.

“the Agency” means the Eastern Caribbean States Export Development Agency established in accordance with the terms of the Constitution;

“the Constitution” means the Constitution set out in the Schedule.

Schedule.

3. The provisions of the Constitution shall have the force of law as if enacted in this Act.

Constitution to have the force of law.

SCHEDULE

(Section 2).

Article 1

CITATION

1. This Constitution may be cited as the Eastern Caribbean States Export Development Agency.

*See note on page 2 as regards the commencement date.

Article 2

INTERPRETATION

2. In this Constitution unless the context otherwise requires –

“the Authority” means the Authority of Heads of Government of the Member States of the Organisation;

“the Economic Affairs Committee” means the Economic Affairs Committee established by Articles 5(1)(b) and 7 of the Treaty;

“ECSEDA” means the Eastern Caribbean States Export Development Agency established by Article 3;

“the Member States” has the meaning assigned to it in the Treaty;

“the Organisation” means the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States;

“the Treaty” means the Treaty establishing the Organisation, signed at Basseterre on the 18th day of June, 1981;

“the Board” means the Board of Directors of the Eastern Caribbean States Export Development Agency established under Article 5.

Article 3

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES
EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

1. The Authority hereby establishes and designates as a subsidiary institution of the Organisation pursuant to section 2 of Article 5 of the Treaty a body to be known as the Eastern Caribbean States Export Development Agency (hereinafter referred to as “ECSEDA”).

2. ECSEDA shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with power as much to enter into contracts, to sue and be sued and in its name, to acquire, hold, lease and dispose of all kinds of property movable and immovable, and, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, to do and perform all such acts and things as bodies corporate may by law do and perform.

3. The common seal of ECSEDA shall be authenticated by the Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director and shall be judicially and officially noticed.

4. ECSEDA shall have its head office in the Commonwealth of Dominica and may establish and maintain branch offices in any part of the world.

Article 4

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF ECSEDA

The objects and purposes of ECSEDA are:

- (a) to encourage, promote and develop export trade through the export of goods and services from Member States;
- (b) to diversify the sources of export of goods and services in order to earn foreign exchange and thereby strengthen the base of the economics of Member States;
- (c) to provide information to the governments of and other interested organisations in Member States on matters relating to the development and facilitation of exports;
- (d) to assist each Member State in developing its support services to exporters.

Article 5

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be established a body to be called the Board of Directors of the Eastern Caribbean States Export Development Agency which shall be responsible for the general management of ECSEDA and the direction and control of its policies.

Article 6

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

1. The Board shall consist of eleven members, including a Chairman and the Executive Director who shall be the Secretary of the Board, as follows:

- (a) one member being a representative of the Secretariat of the Organisation;
- (b) one member being a representative of the Council of Eastern Caribbean Manufacturers (CECM);
- (c) one member nominated by the Government of each Member State; and
- (d) the Executive Director nominated by the Economic Affairs Committee.

2. Members of the Board shall be appointed by instrument in writing under the hand of the Director of the Economic Affairs Secretariat.