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## THE COCONUT INDUSTRY CONTROL ACT

Cap. 62.  
Acts  
12 of 1985  
Sch.,  
31 of 1987,  
42 of 1995,  
7 of 2003.  
Short title.

[21st June, 1945.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Coconut Industry Control Act.

PART I. *Preliminary*

2. In this Act—

Interpreta-  
tion.

“boiled coconut oil” means coconut oil produced other than by a manufacturer licensed under this Act or under the Coconut Industry Aid Act;

“coconut grower” means a person in possession of or controlling land whereon bearing coconut trees are growing;

“coconuts” means mature (dry) coconuts and water (jelly) coconuts; 7/2003  
S. 3(a).

“coconut oil” means oil obtained by any process from coconuts or from copra;

“coconut products” includes copra, coconut oil and any product made wholly or in part from any part of the coconut;

“copra” means the kernel of the coconut, wholly or partly dried;

“copra maker” means any person who by machinery or otherwise subjects to a drying process the kernel of the coconut, in a manner calculated to produce copra;

“disposal” means—

- (a) the export or the conversion into copra or into any coconut product of any coconuts by the grower thereof, and

- (b) the sale or delivery of any coconuts by the grower thereof to any other person for any purpose;
- “election day” means the day on which an election to the Board is held;
- “elected member” means a member of the Board elected in accordance with the provisions of section 4;
- “export” or “exportation”, with their grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to take or cause to be taken out of the Island of Jamaica or the waters thereof;
- “exporter” includes any person by whom any coconuts or coconut products are exported from the Island or supplied for use as aircraft’s or ships’ stores, and also the owner, or any person acting on his behalf, and any person who for customs purposes signs any document relating to coconuts or coconut products exported or intended for exportation or supplied or intended for supply as aircraft’s or ships’ stores;
- “local trader” means any or all of the following—
- (i) a person, not being a grower, who sells coconuts for any purpose other than exportation;
  - (ii) a person who buys coconuts for any purpose other than export or the making of copra;
  - (iii) a person who buys or sells boiled coconut oil, but the expression shall not include a person who shall not at any one time be in possession or control of more than five bags of coconuts or of more than ten gallons of boiled coconut oil;
- “local manufacturer” means any person licensed to manufacture coconut products under this Act or under the Coconut Industry Aid Act;
- “nominated member” means a member of the Board appointed by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of section 4;

“substitutes” means—

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S. 3 (b).

- (a) edible oil or edible fat, except oil or fat from animals;
- (b) any oil or fat producing item set out in the Second Schedule; or
- (c) soap made wholly or in part from oil or fat, except liquid or powdered detergent, whether produced locally or imported into the Island.

Second  
Schedule.

“the Board” means the Coconut Industry Board established under this Act;

## PART II. *Constitution and Powers of Coconut Industry Board*

3.—(1) There shall be established a Coconut Industry Board which shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed and elected in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) and of subsection (3), respectively, of section 4.

Establish-  
ment of  
Board.

(2) The powers of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership thereof.

4.—(1) The Minister shall appoint four members of the Board, one of whom shall be the Chairman, who, subject to the provisions of subsection (2) and of section 7, shall hold office for three years from the date of appointment but shall be eligible for reappointment.

Appoint-  
ment and  
election of  
members of  
Board.

(2) The Minister may at any time remove any member appointed under subsection (1).

(3) The registered coconut growers shall elect five members of the Board who shall either be themselves registered coconut growers or the attorneys for such registered coconut growers or the managing directors or managers of companies which are registered coconut growers.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) and subsection (3) of section 7, every member elected to the Board in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3)