

The Oilseeds Committee Act, 1946

(ACT NO. IX OF 1946)

An Act to provide for financing a Committee for the improvement and development of the cultivation and marketing of oilseeds and of the production, manufacture and marketing of oilseed products.¹

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for financing a Committee for the improvement and development of the cultivation and marketing of oilseeds and of the production, manufacture and marketing of oilseed products;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

Short title and extent

1. (1) This Act may be called the Oilseeds Committee Act, 1946.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

Definitions

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
 - (a) "Collector" means the officer appointed by the Government to perform in any specified area the duties of a Collector under the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder, and includes any officer subordinate to that officer whom he may by order in writing authorise to perform his duties under those provisions;
 - (b) "the Committee" means the Bangladesh Food and Agriculture Committee set up under sub section (1) of section 5A of the Agricultural Produce Cess Act, 1940, or any body which replaces the said Committee under sub section (2) of that section;
 - (c) "grower" means an agriculturist who grows oilseeds, with or without the aid of hired labour;
 - (d) "mill" means any place in which oilseeds are crushed with the aid of power, which is a factory as defined in section 2 of the ²[Factories Act,

(e) “oilseeds” does not include coconuts;

(f) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

Imposition of oilseeds cess

3. (1) There shall be levied and collected on and after the date of the commencement of this Act as cesses for the purposes of this Act,-

(a) on all oils extracted from oilseeds crushed in any mill in Bangladesh, whether the oilseeds are produced in or imported from outside Bangladesh, a duty of excise at the rate of ³[six poisha] per maund, and

(b) on all oilseeds exported out of Bangladesh to a destination outside Bangladesh, a duty of customs at the rate of ⁴[twelve poisha] per maund:

Provided that the Government may from time to time fix by notification in the official Gazette a different rate at which the duty of excise or duty of customs shall be levied and collected:

Provided further that no such duty of customs shall be levied on any oilseeds exported under a contract for export entered into before the aforesaid date.

(2) On the last day of each month, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, the proceeds of the duties recovered during that month shall, after deduction of the expenses, if any, of collection and recovery, be paid to the Committee.

(3) The proceeds of the duties recovered since the fifteenth day of August 1947 after deduction of the expenses, if any, of collection and recovery shall be paid to the Committee forthwith.

[Omitted.]

4. [Constitution of Indian Oilseeds Committee.- Omitted by section 7 of the Oilseeds Committee (Amendment) Act, 1950 (Act No. XIX of 1950).]

[Omitted.]

5. [Incorporation of the Committee.- Omitted by section 7 of the Oilseeds Committee (Amendment) Act, 1950 (Act No. XIX of 1950).]

[Omitted.]

6. [Vacancies.- Omitted by section 7 of the Oilseeds Committee (Amendment) Act, 1950 (Act No. XIX of 1950).]

[Omitted.]

7. [President of Committee, Secretary, Sub committees and staff.- Omitted by section 7 of the Oilseeds Committee (Amendment) Act, 1950 (Act No. XIX of 1950).]

[Omitted.]

8. [Appointment of officers.- Omitted by section 7 of the Oilseeds Committee (Amendment) Act, 1950 (Act No. XIX of 1950).]

**Application
of fund**

9. (1) The Committee shall take such measures as it may consider necessary or expedient for the improvement and development of the cultivation and marketing of oilseeds and of the production, utilisation and marketing of oilseed products.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the Committee may defray expenditure involved in—¹/₄—

(a) undertaking, assisting or encouraging agricultural, industrial, technological and economic research, in—¹/₄cluding research into the food value of oilseeds and oilseed products;

(b) supplying technical advice to growers and millers;

(c) encouraging the adoption of improved methods of cultivation and storage of oilseeds;

(d) producing, testing and distributing improved varieties of oilseeds or assisting such work;

(e) assisting in the control of insect and other pests and diseases of oilseeds both in the field and in storage;

(f) promoting the improvement of the marketing of oilseeds and their products including the setting up and adoption of grade standards for oilseeds and their products;

(g) collecting statistics from growers, dealers and millers on all relevant matters and promoting improvement in the forecasting of oilseed crops