

**Agency for Science, Technology and Research (Amendment) Act 2007**  
**(No. 54 of 2007)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 12th November 2007 and assented to by the President on 3rd December 2007:—

**AGENCY FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH (AMENDMENT)  
ACT 2007**

**(No. 54 of 2007)**

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I assent.

S R NATHAN,  
*President.*  
3rd December 2007.

**Date of Commencement: 1st January 2008**

An Act to amend the Agency for Science, Technology and Research Act (Chapter 5A of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Health Sciences Authority Act (Chapter 122C of the 2002 Revised Edition), the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board Act (Chapter 303A of the 2002 Revised Edition) and the Weights and Measures Act (Chapter 349 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

**Amendment of section 6**

2. Section 6(1) of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (i); and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (j) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraphs:
  - “(k) to serve as the national body in the area of metrology, and to advise the Government and industrial, commercial and other organisations in

- respect of matters relating to metrology; and
- (*l*) to promote and facilitate the national metrology programme and the participation of Singapore in international metrology activities.”.

### **Amendment of section 7**

3. Section 7 (1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (*e*), the following paragraphs:

- “(ea) establish a national standard of weights, measures and other quantities, hold custody and disseminate the measurement parameters of standards of such weights, measures and other quantities, and verify and develop methods for the measurement of such weights, measures and other quantities;
- (eb) develop, verify and calibrate instruments and equipment and issue certificates to the effect that an instrument or equipment complies with the specifications applicable to it and control the use of such certificates;
- (ec) undertake such measurement activities as the Agency considers necessary for the upgrading of quality standards in industry or for gaining international recognition;
- (ed) establish, administer and operate any scheme considered by the Agency to be necessary or desirable to the development of the metrology infrastructure;
- (ee) provide information resources on matters relating to metrology;
- (ef) conduct tests of proficiency on matters relating to metrology;
- (eg) initiate and undertake or enter into contractual testing, consultancy, research or development projects for the purposes of its functions;
- (eh) collect, compile, analyse and disseminate by any convenient means information of a statistical nature or otherwise concerning matters relating to its functions;”.

### **New sections 22 to 27**

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 21, the following sections:

#### **“Transfer to Agency of property, assets, liabilities, etc., relating to metrology**

**22.—**(1) As from the appointed day, all movable and immovable property vested in the Board and used or managed by the national metrology centre of the