

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR AGRICULTURAL MECHANISATION ACT CAP. N 13, LFN, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 **1.** The National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation Act Cap. N
2 13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the
3 principal Act) is amended: Amendment of
Cap. N13 LFN,
2004
- 4 **2.** Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the
5 existing sub section 2, a new sub-section 2 (a) to (o):
- 6 (a) to promote the carrying out of applied research designed to
7 facilitate the designing, adaptation and development of machinery and
8 equipment suitable for use in agricultural and rural development;
- 9 (b) to develop and manufacture approved prototypes, components
10 and cultural techniques and technologies, and evaluate their suitability for
11 adaptation and alternative use in rural agricultural production;
- 12 (c) to adapt foreign designs of agricultural machinery and
13 equipment to suit local conditions of manufacture and maintenance, for use
14 in rural agriculture;
- 15 (d) to develop and manufacture approved prototypes, components
16 and spare-parts of agricultural machinery and equipment which are not
17 available in large quantities in the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- 18 (e) to perform tests on all types of machinery and equipment
19 intended for use in agricultural and rural development in the Federal

- 1 Republic of Nigeria, and to publish the results of each such test;
- 2 (f) to formulate and conduct short courses designed to provide
3 practical training and further knowledge to village and other artisans in the use
4 and maintenance of agricultural machinery and other appropriate technology
5 machinery and equipment;
- 6 (g) to advise and provide support services to organizations and
7 persons undertaking the extension and implementation of programmes and
8 projects resulting from the work of the Centre;
- 9 (h) to offer consultancy services on the designing, testing and other
10 technical aspects of agricultural and other machinery and equipment for use in
11 rural development;
- 12 (i) to offer consultancy services relating to the marketing, financial
13 and other managerial aspects of agricultural and rural development through the
14 adaptation and use of appropriate technology;
- 15 (j) to provide relevant information and ad vice to the agricultural
16 sector relating to the design, production, marketing, supply, use and
17 maintenance of agricultural and other appropriate technology machinery and
18 equipment;
- 19 (k) to ensure effective and timeous repairs and maintenance of all
20 agricultural equipment under the ownership and care of the federal
21 government;
- 22 (l) to formulate and execute projects and programmes designed to
23 encourage or facilitate the establishment and development of village
24 workshops and other rural production and maintenance facilities;
- 25 (m) to act as the national link with other national and international
26 institutions engaged in activities related or similar to the functions of the
27 Centre;
- 28 (n) to create an enabling environment for individuals, firms, private
29 sector participation in all programmes of the Centre for the promotion of
30 Agricultural Mechanization and Rural Technology for national development;

1 (o) to do anything which may be necessary to uphold and support
2 the credit of the Centre, to obtain and justify public confidence, to avert or
3 minimize any loss to the Centre and to facilitate the proper and efficient
4 performance of its functions.

5 3. Section 21 of the principal Act is amended by inserting a new Amendment of
6 interpretation provision: Section 21

7 Equipment includes: Tractor, Cultivator, Tiller, Cultipacker, Chisel plow,
8 Harrow, Broadcast seeder/spreader, planter, seed driller, Transplanter,
9 Mulch layer, spreader, sprayer, Drip irrigation/micro spray heads, sprinkler,
10 Hydroponics, Sorter, Harvester and any other agricultural equipment that
11 may be acquired by the federal government to boost mechanization.

12 4. This Bill may be cited as National Centre for Agricultural Citation
13 Mechanisation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act
Cap N13 by expanding the scope of the Centre to include ensuring the
maintenance and repairs of agricultural equipment owned by the federal
government.