

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Ogun

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act, Cap.
2 N13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the
3 Principal Act) is hereby amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
National Centre
for Agricultural
Mechanization Act,
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):

Amendment of
Section 2

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
20 Republic of Nigeria, and to publish the results of each such test;

21 (f) to formulate and conduct short courses designed to provide

1 practical training and further knowledge to vii/age and other artisans in the use
2 and maintenance of agricultural machinery and other appropriate technology
3 machinery and equipment;

4 (g) to advise and provide support services to organizations and
5 persons undertaking the extension and implementation of programmes and
6 projects resulting from the work of the Centre;

7 (h) to offer consultancy services on the designing, testing and other
8 technical aspects of agric and other machinery and equipment for use in rural
9 development;

10 (i) to offer consultancy services relating to the marketing, financial
11 and other managerial aspects of agricultural and rural development through the
12 adaptation and use of appropriate technology;

13 (j) to provide relevant information and advice to the agricultural
14 sector relating to design, production marketing, supply, use and maintenance
15 of agricultural and other appropriate technology machinery and equipment;

16 (k) to ensure effective and timeous repairs and maintenance of all
17 agricultural equipment under the ownership and care of the federal
18 government;

19 (l) to formulate and execute projects and programmes designed to
20 encourage or facilitate the establishment and development of village
21 workshops and other rural production and maintenance facilities;

22 (m) to act as the national link with other national and international
23 institutions engaged in the activities related or similar to the functions of the
24 Centre;

25 (n) to create an enabling environment for individuals, firms private
26 sector participation in all programmes of the Centre for the promotion of
27 Agricultural Mechanization and Rural Technology for national development;

28 (o) to do anything which may be necessary to uphold and support the
29 credit of the Centre, to obtain and justify public confidence, to avert or
30 minimize any loss to the Centre and to facilitate the proper and efficient

1 performance of its functions.

2 3. Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Amendment of
3 interpretation provision: Section 21

4 "Equipment includes: tractor, cultivator, tiller, cult packer, chisel
5 plow, harrow, broadcast seeder/spreader, planter seed driller, transplanter,
6 mulch layer, spreader, sprayer, drip irrigation/micro spray heads, sprinkler,
7 hydroponics, sorter, harvester and any other agricultural equipment that
8 may be acquired by the federal government to boost mechanization.

9 4. This Bill may be cited as National Centre for Agricultural Citation
10 Mechanisation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Centre for Agricultural
Mechanization Act Cap N13, LFN, 2004, to expand its scope to include the
maintaining and repairing of agricultural equipment by the government.

