

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME FUND

(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Amendment of Cap. A11, LFN, 2004
2. Amendment of section 2
3. Amendment of section 5
4. Amendment of section 6
5. Amendment of sections 7 (1)- 9, 14 (1), 16 (1) and 19 (1)
6. Amendment of section 10
7. Amendment of Schedule
8. Citation.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME FUND ACT CAP. A11, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO ENHANCE THE CAPITAL BASE, EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF THE SCHEME, INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE LOANABLE FUND, INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AND GIVE MORE POWERS TO THE BOARD; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Senator Bima, Muhammad Enagi

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

- 1 **1.** The Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act Cap. A11, Amendment of
- 2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Cap. A11, LFN,
- 3 Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. 2004
- 4 **2.** Section 2 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for Amendment of
- 5 paragraph (a), a new paragraph "(a)" - section 2
- 6 "(a) the Minister shall appoint-
- 7 (i) a chairman,
- 8 (ii) a representative of the Nigerian Farmers,
- 9 (iii) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Finance, and
- 10 (iv) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture."
- 11 **3.** Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by- Amendment of
- 12 (a) renumbering existing section 5 as section "5 (1)"; section 5
- 13 (b) substituting for the words "one hundred million naira" in line 1
- 14 of the renumbered section 5 (1), the words "Fifty Billion Naira"; and
- 15 (c) inserting a new subsection (2) as follows:
- 16 (2) The fund of fifty billion Naira may be increased by such amount
- 17 as the Board may determine and that amount shall be contributed in a
- 18 proportion as the Board may prescribe"

Amendment of section 6	1	4. Section 6 (1) of the Principal Act is amended-
	2	(a) in paragraph (a), by substituting for the expression, "N100,000",
	3	in line 1, the expression, "N50,000,000"; and
	4	(b) by deleting paragraph (b).
Amendment of section 7(1)-0, 14(1), 16(1) and 19(1)	5	5. Sections 7 (1) - 9,14 (1), 16 (1) and 19 (1) of the Principal Act are
	6	amended by substituting for the word, "Minister", the word, "Board".
Amendment of section 10	7	6. Section 10 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
	8	the expression, "N5,000", in line 2, the expression, "N100,000".
Amendment of Schedule	9	7. Paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Principal Act is amended-
	10	(a) in subparagraph (a), by inserting after the word, "coffee", the word,
	11	"tea";
	12	(b) in subparagraph (d), by inserting after the word, "machinery", the
	13	word, "purchase" ; and
	14	(c) by inserting new subparagraphs "(e)" and "(f)" -
	15	"(e) production of farm machinery, implements and equipment for
	16	production, processing, storage and transportation; and
	17	(f) any purpose connected with activities within the agricultural value
	18	chain".
Citation	19	8. This Bill may be cited as the Agricultural Credit Guarantee
	20	Scheme Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act Cap. A11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the capital base, expand the coverage of the Scheme, increase the size of the loanable fund, increase membership and give more powers to the Board.