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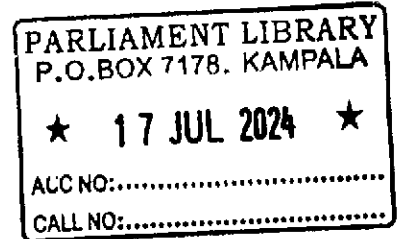
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*President*

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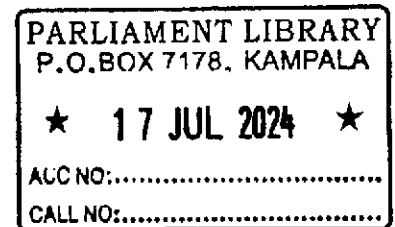
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**THE WAREHOUSE RECEIPT SYSTEM (AMENDMENT)  
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**An Act to amend the Warehouse Receipt System Act, 2006, Act 14 of 2006, to dissolve the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority and transfer its functions to the Ministry responsible for trade in order to give effect to the Government Policy on Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure; and for related purposes.**

DATE OF ASSENT:

*Date of Commencement:*

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

**1. Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“agency” means a body established by an Act of Parliament and includes an authority;

“commission” means a body established by the Constitution;  
and

“Government” means the Government of Uganda.

**2. Objective**

(1) The main objective of this Act is to give effect to the Government Policy for Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure adopted by the Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021 and contained in Cabinet Minute No. 43(CT 2021).

(2) Without prejudice to the general effect of subsection (1), the following objectives shall be deemed to fall under the objective specified in that subsection—

- (a) the merging, mainstreaming and rationalisation of agencies, commissions, authorities and public expenditure thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- (b) the facilitation of efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of government agencies and departments and thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- (c) the promotion of coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for—
  - (i) ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments;
  - (ii) enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and
  - (iii) enforcing accountability; and
- (d) the restructuring and re-organisation of agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

**3. Purpose of amendment of Act 14 of 2006**

The purpose of amending the Warehouse Receipt System Act, 2006 is to mainstream the functions of the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority into the Ministry responsible for trade.

**4. Dissolution of Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority**

On the commencement of this Act, the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority shall be dissolved.

**5. Responsibility for functions under Act 14 of 2006**

On the commencement of this Act, the Ministry responsible for trade shall be responsible for performing the functions of the dissolved Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority under this Act.

**6. Amendment of section 2 of Act 14 of 2006**

Section 2 of Warehouse Receipt System Act, 2006, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act” is amended—

- (a) by repealing the definitions of the words “Authority” and “Managing Director”; and
- (b) by inserting after “Minister” the following—  
“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for trade;”.

**7. Substitution of title of Part II of principal Act**

For the title to Part II of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

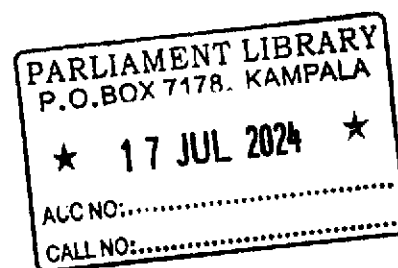
“PART II—ADMINISTRATION OF ACT”

**8. Substitution of section 3 of principal Act**

For section 3 of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

**“3. Administration of Act**

This Act shall be administered by the Ministry.”



**9. Amendment of section 4 of principal Act**

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Ministry”.

**10. Amendment of section 5 of principal Act**

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Ministry”.

**11. Repeal of section 6 of principal Act**

Section 6 of the principal Act is repealed.

**12. Repeal of Part III of principal Act**

Part III (sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11) of the principal Act is repealed.

**13. Repeal of Part IV of principal Act**

Part IV (sections 12, 13, 14 and 15) of the principal Act is repealed.

**14. Repeal of Part V of principal Act**

Part V (sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24) of the principal Act is repealed.

**15. Amendment of section 25 of principal Act**

Section 25 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Minister”.

**16. Amendment of section 26 of principal Act**

Section 26 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Minister”.

**17. Amendment of section 27 of principal Act**

Section 27 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Board”, the word “Minister”.

**18. Amendment of section 28 of principal Act**

Section 28 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Minister”.



**19. Amendment of section 30 of principal Act**

Section 30 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Minister”.

**20. Amendment of section 31 of principal Act**

Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Minister”.

**21. Amendment of section 32 of principal Act**

Section 32 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Minister”;
- (b) in subsection (1), by substituting for the word “its”, the words “his or her”; and
- (c) in subsection (2), by substituting for the words “section 33 of the Insurance Act”, the words “section 45 of the Insurance Act, 2017”.

**22. Amendment of section 34 of principal Act**

Section 34 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority”, the word “Minister”.

**23. Amendment of section 35 of principal Act**

Section 35 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” the word “Minister”.

**24. Amendment of section 36 of principal Act**

Section 36 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Minister”.

**25. Amendment of section 38 of principal Act**

Section 38 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority”, the word “Minister”.

**26. Amendment of section 40 of principal Act**

Section 40 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Minister”.

**27. Amendment of section 42 of principal Act**

Section 42 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by substituting for the word “Authority”, the word “Ministry”;
- (b) by substituting for subsection (2), the following—

“(2) The Ministry shall be responsible for registering any transaction relating to a warehouse receipt issued under the Act or any transaction as shall be provided for in this Act.”;
- (c) in subsection (3), by substituting for the word “Registrar”, the word “Ministry”;
- (d) in subsection (4), by substituting for the word “Registrar”, the word “Ministry”;
- (e) in subsection (5), by substituting for the word “Registrar”, the word “Ministry”; and
- (f) in subsection (7), by substituting for the word “Registrar”, the word “Minister”.

**28. Amendment of section 49 of principal Act**

Section 49 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (5), by substituting for the word “Authority”, the word “Minister”; and
- (b) in subsection (6), by substituting for the words “Uganda Warehouse Authority”, the word “Minister”.

**29. Amendment of section 52 of principal Act**

Section 52 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Ministry”.

**30. Amendment of section 56 of principal Act**

Section 56 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2), by substituting for the word “Authority”, the word “Ministry”.

**31. Amendment of section 67 of principal Act**

Section 67 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Authority”, wherever it appears, the word “Ministry”.

**32. Amendment of section 68 of principal Act**

Section 68 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Board”, wherever it appears, the word “Minister”.

**33. Amendment of section 69 of principal Act**

Section 69 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for the word for the word “Board”, the word “Minister”; and
- (b) by repealing the words “in consultation with the Minister”.

**34. Repeal of section 70 of principal Act**

Section 70 of the principal Act is repealed.

**35. Repeal of section 71 of principal Act**

Section 71 of the principal Act is repealed.

**36. Repeal of section 72 of principal Act**

Section 72 of the principal Act is repealed.

**37. Repeal of section 73 of principal Act**

Section 73 of the principal Act is repealed.

**38. Amendment of section 74 of principal Act**

Section 74 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1), by repealing the words “on the recommendation of the Board”.

**39. Amendment of section 75 of principal Act**

Section 75 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (2), the following—

“(2) The Minister may, by Statutory Instrument amend the Third Schedule to this Act”.

**40. Repeal of Second Schedule to principal Act**

The Second Schedule to the principal Act is repealed.

**41. Savings**

(1) The board members and staff of the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority shall be paid their terminal benefits in accordance with the terms and conditions of their service.

(2) Compensation is not payable to any member of the board of the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority for loss of office resulting from the dissolution of the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority.

(3) The staff of the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority may be redeployed to serve in the public service subject to availability of positions.

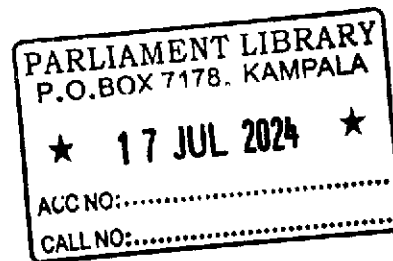
(4) On the commencement of this Act, all the property, assets, rights, obligations, and liabilities of the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority shall vest in the Government of Uganda under the Ministry.

(5) Any proceedings commenced by or against the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority may be continued by or against the Attorney General.

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(6) A licence, permit, certificate or authorisation issued by the Uganda Warehouse Receipt System Authority under the Act which is in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall have effect from the commencement of this Act as if granted by the Minister or the Ministry, whichever is applicable.

(7) The terms and conditions including the rights and obligations under a licence, permit, certificate or authorisation in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall not be less favourable than those that applied immediately before the commencement of this Act.





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This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the bill which was passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true copy of the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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*Clerk to Parliament*

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