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## A BILL FOR

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE BORROWING OF MONEY FOR THE PURPOSES  
OF THE FEDERATION BY THE ISSU OF TREASURY BILLS IN NIGERIA.

Title.

Commence-  
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria as follows—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Treasury Bills Ordinance, 1959.

Interpreta-  
tion.

2. In this Ordinance "Minister of Finance" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to finance in the Federation.

Authority  
for Central  
Bank to  
issue  
Treasury  
Bills.

3. (1) The Minister of Finance is hereby authorised to borrow by the issue in Nigeria of Federal Government Treasury Bills, and the Central Bank of Nigeria, when authorised in writing by the Minister of Finance, may for that purpose issue in Nigeria, within the terms of the authority and subject to any direction given by the Minister, such Federal Government Treasury Bills together with such further Treasury Bills as shall be required to pay off at maturity Treasury Bills already lawfully issued.

(2) The principal sums represented by any Treasury Bills outstanding at any one time under the provisions of this section shall not exceed ten per cent of the estimated revenue of the Federal Government during the year then current.

Authority  
for  
Minister to  
issue  
certain  
Bills.  
No. 24 of  
1958.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of section 3 the Minister may authorise the Central Bank of Nigeria to issue additional Federal Government Treasury Bills for such amounts as may be required to finance the cost of the manufacture, shipment, transportation and insurance of Nigerian currency notes and coins in accordance with the Central Bank of Nigeria Ordinance, 1958.

Charge.

5. The principal sums represented by any Treasury Bills issued under the provisions of this Ordinance and any interest thereon are hereby charged upon and shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation.

Proceeds.

6. The proceeds of the issue of the Treasury Bills issued under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Expenses.

7. The expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the issue of Treasury Bills under this Ordinance shall be charged to the revenue of the Federation.

Amounts  
and  
currency of  
Bills.

8. (1) Every Treasury Bill issued in accordance with section 3 shall be expressed to be in respect of a sum of one thousand pounds or a multiple thereof and shall be payable at par at a date not more than twelve months from the date thereof.

(2) Treasury Bills shall be denominated in Nigerian pounds after the coming into operation of sections 16 and 18 of the Central Bank of Nigeria Ordinance, 1958, and until that date shall be denominated in currency issued by the West African Currency Board.

Authority.

9. The issue of Treasury Bills by the Central Bank of Nigeria in the form prescribed by regulations made under section 10 shall be sufficient evidence on behalf of any holder thereof that the authority of the Minister of Finance has been given for such issue in accordance with section 3, and that such issue has been made in accordance with this Ordinance.

Regulations.

10. The Minister of Finance, after consultation with the Central Bank, may make regulations to prescribe or provide for—

(a) the preparation, form, mode of issue, mode of payment and cancellation of Treasury Bills;

(b) the issue of a new Bill in lieu of one defaced, lost or destroyed;

(c) such other matter as may seem to him necessary for the purpose of carrying this Ordinance into effect.

#### *Objects and Reasons*

The object of the Bill is to provide for the issue by the Federal Government of Treasury Bills to facilitate the day to day financial operations of Government.

# A BILL

FOR

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LOCAL LOANS (REGISTERED STOCK AND SECURITIES) ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 120 OF THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS, 1948).

Title.

Commencement.

Enactment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Local Loans (Registered Stock and Securities) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1959.

General amendment Cap. 120.

2. Except as provided in sections 3, 5, 10, 13 and 14 of this Ordinance, the Local Loans (Registered Stock and Securities) Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance) is amended by the deletion—

(i) of the words "Accountant-General of the Federation" throughout and the substitution therefor of the following—

"Central Bank".

(ii) of the words "Governor-General" throughout and the substitution therefor of the following—

"Minister".

Amendment  
of section 2.

3. Section 2 of the principal Ordinance is amended—

(i) by the deletion therefrom of the definitions of "Accountant-General of the Federation", and "Government promissory note";

(ii) by the deletion from the definition of "security" of the words "or a Government promissory note" and

(iii) by the insertion in their proper alphabetical order of the following definitions—

"'Central Bank' means the Central Bank of Nigeria;"

"'the Minister' means the Minister for the time being charged with responsibility for matters relating to finance."

Amendment  
of section 5.

4. Section 5 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the insertion after subsection (1) of the following new subsection—

"1A. In the case of a loan appropriated and applied or to be appropriated and applied for lending to the Government of a Region or of the Southern Cameroons such directions shall not require the Government of the Federation to establish a sinking fund but shall specify—

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1958.

(a) that the terms and conditions for such lending have been approved in accordance with paragraph (b) of section 3 of the Loan (Internal Borrowing) Ordinance, 1958, and

(b) the rate at which a half-yearly appropriation out of the general revenue and assets of each Region concerned or of the Southern Cameroons is required."

Amendment  
of section  
15.

5. Section 15 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion from subsection (2) of the words "Accountant-General of the Federation" and the substitution therefor of the following—

"General Manager of the Central Bank".

Revocation  
of sections  
16, 17, 18,  
35 and 38.

6. The principal Ordinance is amended by the revocation of Part IV and sections 35 and 38.

Amendment  
of section  
19.

7. Section 19 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion from subsection (1) of the words "Accountant-General" of the Federation and the substitution therefor of the following—

"General Manager of the Central Bank".

Amendment  
of section  
24.

8. Section 24 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion therefrom of the word "Treasury" and the substitution therefor of the following—

"Central Bank".

Amendment  
of sections 27  
and 28.

9. Sections 27 and 28 of the principal Ordinance are amended by the deletion therefrom of the words "Crown Agents" and the substitution therefor of the following—

"Central Bank".

Amendment  
of section 36.

10. Section 36 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion therefrom of the words "Accountant-General of the Federation" and the substitution therefor of the following—

"General Manager of the Central Bank".

11. Section 40 of the principal Ordinance is amended—

(i) by the deletion from lines four and five thereof of the words "or on the renewal of a promissory note under section 35,";

(ii) by the deletion from lines eight and nine thereof of the words "or promissory note" and

(iii) by the repeal of the proviso to the section.

Amendment  
of section  
40.

12. Section 41 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion from the second line of paragraph (c) thereof of the words "or section 35".

Amendment  
of section  
41.

13. Section 42 of the principal Ordinance is amended—

(i) as to subsection (1)—

(a) by the deletion from the second line of the words "or to a promissory note";

(b) by the deletion from the seventh and eighth lines of the words "or promissory note";

(c) by the repeal of paragraph (b);

(d) by the substitution for paragraph (c) of the following new paragraph—

"(c) where any such stock relates to a loan not due for repayment, authorise the registration of the name of such person in substitution for the name of the deceased."

(ii) as to subsections (1) and (4)—by the deletion therefrom of the words "Accountant-General of the Federation" and the substitution therefor of the following—

"General Manager of the Central Bank".

Amendment  
of section  
42.

14. Section 43 of the principal Ordinance is amended—

(i) by the deletion therefrom of the words "Accountant-General of the Federation" and the substitution therefor of the following—

"General Manager of the Central Bank".

(ii) by the deletion from the third line of the words "promissory note".

Amendment  
of section  
43.

15. Section 44 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the repeal of subsection (2).

Amendment  
of section  
44.

16. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect any loan raised under the principal Ordinance before the coming into operation of this Ordinance.

Saving.

*Objects and Reasons*

The object of this Bill is to bring the Local Loans (Registered Stock and Securities) Ordinance, Cap. 120 up to date.

Section 35 of the Central Bank of Nigeria Ordinance 1958, provides that the Central Bank shall be entrusted with the issue and management of Federal Government loans publicly issued in Nigeria and to this end this Bill amends the principal Ordinance by substituting the Central Bank for the Accountant-General of the Federation.

It is not envisaged that in present day circumstances the Federal Government, as distinct from the Central Bank, will wish or require to issue promissory notes. All references to promissory notes in the principal Ordinance have, therefore, been deleted.

All powers at present vested in the Governor-General are transferred to the Minister of Finance.

Where the Federal Government raises a loan for re-lending to any of the Governments of the Regions or of the Southern Cameroons it is desired that the Federal Government should not need to set up a sinking fund of its own in respect of such a loan and clause 4 of the Bill provides for this.

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(Bill 599)  
F10181/S. 1



# A BILL FOR

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DOGS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 56 OF THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS, 1948).

Titles.

Commence-  
ment.

Enactment.

Short title.

Amendment  
of section 6  
Cap. 56.Amendment  
of section 15.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria as follows—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Dogs (Amendment) Ordinance, 1959.

2. Section 6 of the Dogs Ordinance is amended by the deletion of the words "three months" and the substitution therefor of the following—  
"six months".

3. Section 15 of the Dogs Ordinance is amended by being renumbered as subsection (1) of section 15 and by the addition thereto of the following new subsection—

"(2) Rules made under subsection (1) may provide that an owner or person having the custody, control or care of a dog shall ensure that such dog is inoculated against rabies, and may provide for the production of a certificate of such inoculation before a licence may be issued in accordance with Part II."

## *Objects and Reasons*

Supplies of anti-rabies vaccine are adequate to enable all dogs in Federal Territory to be inoculated, and this amendment will enable rules to be made making such inoculation compulsory. There are uncertainties with regard to the inoculation of dogs less than six months old and this Bill accordingly provides that dogs shall be licensed when they are six months old rather than three months as at present. Rules can then provide that inoculation shall be a prerequisite to licensing.

VICTOR MUKETE,  
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Federation of Nigeria

# A BILL FOR

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MINERALS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 134 OF THE  
REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS, 1948).

Title.

Commence-  
ment.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria as follows—

Enactment.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Minerals (Amendment) Ordinance, 1959.

Short title.

2. Section 2 of the Minerals Ordinance is amended by the insertion, in paragraph (c) of the definition of minerals after the word "gypsum", of the following—

Amendment  
of section 2.  
Cap. 134.

"limestone,".

3. Section 36 of the Minerals Ordinance is amended by the insertion in subsection (1), after the words "twenty-one years", of the following—

Amendment  
of section 36.

"(or not being more than seventy years in the case of non-metallic minerals as classified in paragraph (c) of the definition of minerals in section 2)".

## *Objects and Reasons*

This amendment (by *Clause 3*) will allow the granting of leases for an initial period of seventy years for the mining of such minerals as limestone, which is a low value mineral extracted as an incident of the carrying on of an industry requiring high capital expenditure on plant and ancillary services. Although the definition of a mineral, and in particular of non-metallic minerals, does embrace limestone, it has not hitherto made express reference to limestone. Limestone has become of such increasing importance that the opportunity is taken of making this express reference in the Ordinance (*Clause 2*).

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Mines and Power,  
Federation of Nigeria



# A BILL

FOR

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ORDINANCE, 1958<sup>1</sup> Title.  
(No. 60 of 1958)

Commence-  
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria, as Enactment.  
follows—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Short title.  
Ordinance, 1959.

2. Section 3 of the Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1958, is amended by the Amendment  
deletion of the words "in accordance with the provisions of the customs of section 3.  
laws". No. 60 of  
1958.

## *Objects and Reasons*

The words deleted by this Bill from section 3 of the Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1958, were originally introduced with the intent that goods irregularly imported, although of a kind exempt from duty, were to be treated for penalty purposes as goods chargeable with duty. Further consideration of this section has revealed the possibility of difficulties arising in the interpretation of those words when read in conjunction with certain provisions of the Customs and Excise Management Ordinance, 1958. It is considered that adequate provisions exist for enforcing compliance with import requirements, whether or not the goods are chargeable with duty.

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CHIEF FESTUS OKOTIE-EBOH,  
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of the Federation of Nigeria

# A BILL

FOR

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, 1958 (No. 55 of 1958)

Title.

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Commence-  
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria as follows—

Enactment.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Customs and Excise Management (Amendment) Ordinance, 1959.

Short title.

2. Section 14 of the Customs and Excise Management Ordinance, 1958 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance) is amended by the insertion in subsection (6) after the word "commanded" of the following—  
"or piloted".

Amendment  
of section 14.  
No. 55 of  
1958.

Amendment  
of section 21.

3. Section 21 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the insertion in subsection (1) after the words "other than a customs airport" of the following—

"otherwise than as permitted in writing by the Board".

Amendment  
of section 88.

4. Section 88 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the insertion in subsection (2) after the word "Board" of the following—  
"by notice in the Gazette".

Amendment  
of section  
121.

5. Section 121 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion from subsection (1) of the words "the Board shall, but in the case of lost goods only if it is satisfied that they have not and will not be used or consumed in Nigeria, remit or repay any duty chargeable or paid thereon" and the substitution thereof of the following—

"the Board shall remit or repay any duty chargeable or paid thereon, but in case of lost goods to which paragraph (a), (b) or (c) applies only if it is satisfied that they have not been and will not be used or consumed in Nigeria, and in the case of lost goods to which paragraph (d) applies only if it is satisfied that they have not been and will not be exported".

Amendment  
of section  
147.

6. Section 147 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the insertion after the word "customs" of the following—  
"or excise".

#### *Objects and Reasons*

Since the enactment of the Customs and Excise Management Ordinance, 1958, certain minor defects in that Ordinance have come to light and the object of this Bill is to remedy these defects. The various amendments are explained separately below.

2. *Clause 2.* Section 14 (6) of the principal Ordinance refers to a military aircraft commanded by a member of the services. The amendment brings that section into line with Article 72 (3) of the Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1955, and has the effect of exempting military aircraft under the command of a civilian but piloted by a member of the services.

3. *Clause 3.* Section 14 (3) of the principal Ordinance prohibits an aircraft from departing for a place outside Nigeria from any place other than a customs airport, except as permitted in writing by the Board of Customs and Excise. Section 21 enables steps to be taken to prevent the departure of an aircraft for a place outside Nigeria from a place other than a customs airport, and it is considered that this power should not exist where the Board's permission in writing to depart from that place has been obtained. Section 21 (1) is amended accordingly.

4. *Clause 4.* Section 88 (2) of the principal Ordinance is amended to require the rent fixed by the Board of Customs and Excise for the deposit of goods in a Government Warehouse to be published in the Gazette.

5. *Clause 5.* Section 121 (1) of the principal Ordinance deals with the remission of duty on goods lost or destroyed but does not adequately cover the case of goods intended for export. An appropriate amendment is provided.

6. *Clause 6.* Section 147 of the principal Ordinance is amended to remedy an inadvertent omission.

CHIEF FESTUS OKOTIE-EBOH,  
Minister of Finance  
of the Federation of Nigeria

# A BILL FOR

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 43 OF THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS, 1948).

Title.

Commencement.

Enactment.

Short title.

Amendment of section 382. Cap. 43 and No. 22 of 1952.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria as follows—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Ordinance, 1959.

2. Section 382 of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance) as the section was substituted by the Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Ordinance, 1952, is amended by the deletion in subsection 4 of the words "authorised by the written law", and by the substitution therefor of the following—

"authorised as a punishment for the offence by the written law".

Amendment  
of section  
390.

3. Section 390 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion in subsection (3) of the words "six months", and by the substitution therefor of the following—  
"two years".

*Objects and Reasons*

The principal object of this amendment is to remove an apparent contradiction in the stipulation of the maximum term of imprisonment which can be imposed in respect of non-payment of a fine, the anomaly having occurred on the occasion of an amendment made in 1952 (Clause 3).

2. The opportunity is taken to clarify the phraseology of a portion of section 382 as it was inserted by the 1952 amendment (Clause 2).

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