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(Bill No. 30 of 2021)

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Dated this 16th day of July, 2021.

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ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

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1. Section 14 of the Public Procurement Act, 2008 (Cap. 305) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”) is amended by —

(a) renumbering subsections (2) and (3) as subsections (3) and (4);

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“(1) The President on the recommendation of the Minister shall appoint to the Board —

(a) a chairperson; and

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(c) by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection —

“(2) The members appointed under subsection (1) shall be persons of integrity, possessing qualifications and experience in public administration, general economics, legal matters, finance, engineering or technical fields.”

Amendment of Section 99

3. Section 99 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following —

“(1) There shall be a Review Panel whose members shall be appointed by the President on recommendation of the Minister, consisting of —

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Transitional provisions

4. On the commencement of this Act —

(a) the members of the Board and the Review Panel, established by sections 14 and 99 of the Public Procurement Act, 2008 prior to the commencement of this Act, shall cease to be members as such and shall vacate their office; and

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EMPLOYMENT ACT

(Cap 69)

Employment Act (Exemption) Order, 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Employment Act, the Minister responsible for employment, makes the following Order —

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Exemption

2. A worker specified in column 1 of the Schedule is exempt from the provisions of the Regulation specified in the corresponding entry in column 2 for the maximum hours of overtime per month specified in column 3 subject to the conditions set out in column 4.

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3. Where a worker is exempted from a provision of the Act or Regulation specified in column 2 of the schedule, the employer of that worker is exempt from the application of the provision.

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(Act 19 of 2013)

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WHEREAS section 23 of the Financial Services Authority Act, 2013 (hereinafter 'the Act') requires, under subsection (2), that a licensee appoints an individual approved by the Authority as its compliance officer to oversee the licensee's compliance to the requirements under subsection (1) of section 23;

AND WHEREAS the Financial Services Authority deems it unnecessary that an appointment under section 23 is made for certain licensees based on the reasons hereunder listed —

(a) an appointment is not required owing to the nature of the business of the licensees; or

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AND WHEREAS section 35 bestows upon the Authority power to exempt specified licensees or specified classes of licensees from the requirements under this Act;

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred by section 35(b) of the Act, the Financial Services Authority hereby exempts the following persons from the requirements of section 23(2) of the Act —

(a) a person who is issued a licence under section 6 of the International Trade Zone Act (Cap 277);

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