SOCIÉTÉ POUR LA PROMOTION DES ENTREPRISES SPÉCIALISÉES ACT
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1. Short title
   This Act may be cited as the Société pour la Promotion des Entreprises Spécialisées Act.

2. Interpretation
   In this Act—
   “Committee” means the Committee referred to in section 6;
   “Société” means the Société pour la Promotion des Entreprises Spécialisées established under section 3;
   “Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of tourism is assigned.

3. Establishment of Société
   (1) The Société pour la Promotion des Entreprises Spécialisées shall be a body corporate.
   (2) The Société shall be non-profit making.

4. Objects of Société
   The objects of the Société shall be to promote—
   (a) local handicrafts;
   (b) specialised cottage industries; and
   (c) the social welfare of Mauritian artists and artisans.
5. **Membership of Société**

The membership of the Société shall be—

(a) open to any person; and

(b) determined in such manner as may be prescribed.

6. **The Committee**

(1) The Société shall be managed by a Committee constituted in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer and 8 other persons.

(3) The Committee may invite a person to be the patron of the Société.

7. **Société to furnish information**

The Société shall furnish to the Minister such information with respect to its activities, in such manner and at such time as the Minister may require.

8. **Accounts**

The Société shall, on or before 31 August in every year, submit to the Minister an audited statement of its accounts in respect of the period ending on 30 June of the same year.

9. **Donations and legacies**

Article 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to the Société.

10. **Exemptions**

Notwithstanding any other enactment—

(a) the Société shall be exempt from payment of any duty, rate, charge, fee, or tax;

(b) no stamp duty or registration fee shall be payable in respect of any document under which the Société is the sole beneficiary.

11. **Dissolution of Société**

(1) The Société may, on the proposal of the Committee, be dissolved in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Where the Société is dissolved, all assets remaining after winding up shall be transferred to or used for a charitable institution in Mauritius designated by the Committee.

12. **Regulations**

(1) The Committee may make regulations for the management of the affairs of the Société, for regulating the procedure at meetings of the Committee, for the election of members and generally for the purposes of this Act.
(2) Notwithstanding the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, regulations made under subsection (1) shall not be required to be laid before the Assembly.