## FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS ACT, 1971

This Act provides for the establishment of Fishermen's Associations in Malaysia whose objectives are to manage and operate a financial aid scheme to provide credit and capital resources to members; to promote member education and training, including circulation of information on matters of interest to members; to organize exhibitions, fairs and displays; to organize fishing operations or aquaculture; to organize the assembling, storage, processing, distribution and disposal of members' products; and to provide health centres, nurseries, thrift institutions, insurance, mutual aid and other welfare programmes. The other objectives of the associations are to assist in investigations and collection of statistics on the fishing industry; to provide buoys and other navigation aids and fishing harbour facilities; to mediate in disputes involving a member or members arising in the fishing industry; and to organize member participation in any conservation programmes directed by the Director General of Fisheries. This Act provides for the registration and list the categories of people who are eligible to be members of the associations.

#### FISHERIES ACT, 1985

This Act is related to fisheries, including the conservation, management and development of maritime and estuarine fishing and fisheries in Malaysian fisheries waters, and to turtles and riverine fishing in Malaysia. Fish in this Act means any aquatic animal or plant life, sedentary or otherwise, and includes all species of finfish, crustacea, mollusca, aquatic mammals, or their eggs or spawn, fry, fingerling, spat or young, but does not include any species of otters, turtles or their eggs. This Act outlines general licensing provisions, offences and enforcement procedures.

### FOOD ACT, 1983

This is an Act that protect the public against health hazards and fraud in the preparation, sale and use of food, and for matters incidental thereto. By the powers conferred by the Act, the Minister of Health has made the Food Regulations of 1985. The term food refers to every article manufactured, sold or represented for use as food or drink for human consumption or which enters into or is used in the composition, preparation, preservation of any food or drink and includes confectionery, chewing substances and any ingredient of such tood, drink, confectionery or chewing substances.

The Minister may appoint authorized officers as h rnay consider necessary for the purposes of this Act. This Act contains the powers of authorized officer and also includes the offences and evidence. This Act also contains the provision for importation, warranty and defences of this industry.

#### LEMBAGA KEMAJUAN IKAN MALAYSIA ACT, 1971 (Amendment - 1977)

This Act provides for the establishment and incorporation of Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia (LKIM) whose functions are to promote and develop efficient and effective management of fisheries enterprises, and to provide and supervise credit facilitiies for fish production, ensuring that these facilities are put to maximum use. Beside these functions, the Lembaga has the power to make such rules as regulate the control and management of any ussistance (whether financial or otherwise) whic may be accorded to fishing enterprises; and to control the marketing and distribution of fish belonging and assigned to the Lembaga. The term fish includes any of the varieties of marine, brackish-water or fresh-water fishes, crustacean aquatic mollusca, marine sponges, trepang and other aquatic life and the products therefrom, but does not include turtles or their eggs.

# LEMBAGA PADI DAN BERAS NEGAR ACT, 1971 (Amendment - 1974)

This Act provides for the establishment of the Lembaga Padi dan Beras Negara (LPN) whose functions are to ensure a fair and stable price c rice for all consumers and farmers and also to ensure sufficient supplies of rice to meet any emergencies. This Act also contains the enforcement regulations and penalties for all offences related to activities in connection with this commodity.

#### MEAT INSPECTION RULES, 1985

The Meat Inspection Rules, 1985 are established under the provisions of the Animals Ordinance.