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**THE THARAKA NITHI COUNTY ORGANIC AGROECOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT BILL, 2025**

A Bill For

AN ACT of the Tharaka Nithi County Assembly to provide for the development, promotion and regulation of the organic agro ecological food industry, to provide for the establishment of the agro ecology development and marketing Committee, in furtherance of the relevant provisions of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi, as follows —

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Tharaka Nithi County Agroecology Development Act, 2025.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“agro ecology” signifies the interdisciplinary fusion of agronomy, agricultural science, and ecology, encompassing the integration of organic agro ecological farming, regenerative agriculture, and principles of permaculture, that additionally, embraces social, economic, and governance concepts to ensure the sustainable livelihoods of farmers and the ecological resilience of farming systems;

“aggregation center” means an area established close to growers for bulking of produce for purposes of collecting, marketing and enforcement of quality standards;

“Committee” means the Tharaka Nithi County Agro ecology Development and Marketing Committee established under section 5;

“County Executive Committee Member” means the member of the Tharaka Nithi County Executive Committee Member for the time being responsible for matters relating to Agriculture;

“certification” means organic agro-ecological certification process for producers of organic agro-ecological food and other organic agro ecological agricultural products;

“dealer” means a natural person, a company or a firm engaged in propagation, of seed material, collecting, transporting, storing, buying or selling organic agro ecological and shall include an exporter, importer, processor or a produce and marketing agent;

“dealing in organic agro ecological produce” means growing aggregation, transportation, packing, storage, selling, processing, exporting and importing organic agro ecological produce and products for purposes of trade but does not include dealing for household consumption;

“grower or producer” means any person who cultivates organic agro ecologically either crops, livestock or aquaculture under the agro ecology system referred to in this Act;

“inspector” means an officer of the Committee or Tharaka Nithi County Government appointed in writing to be an inspector for purposes of this Act;

“international standards” means globally recognized principles, guidelines, and frameworks established by authoritative bodies such as the United Nations (UN), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and other intergovernmental agreements. These standards provide a scientific, ethical, and policy foundation for agro ecological practices and governance.

“marketing agent” mean a natural person, company or firm engaged in buying organic agro ecological produce for sale in the domestic market or export market;

“organic agro ecological agriculture” means a holistic production management system which promotes and enhances agro-ecosystem health, including biodiversity, biological cycles, and soil biological activity, emphasizes the use of management practices in preference to the use of off-farm inputs, taking into account that regional conditions require locally adapted systems;

“organic agro ecological produce” means all produce of crops, livestock or aquaculture production and produced under the standard international agro ecology principals and standards;

“organic agro ecological standards” means the existing and known international organic agro ecological standards and protocols in which Kenya subscribes to;

“traceability” means the ability to track organic agro ecological produce and process owner from production to the final consumer or vice versa.

“produce handling facility” means an area where organic agro ecological produce is assembled for purposes of grading, sorting, packaging or storage.

Objectives and Purposes of the Act

3. The object and purpose of this Act is to —

- (a) promote and enhance the health of agro-ecosystems, encompassing cultivated and natural biodiversity, biological and nutrient cycling, and soil biological activity;
- (b) encourage uptake of organic agro ecological farming and products;
- (c) inform, train and educate the residents of Tharaka Nithi County on the benefits of organic agro ecological farming and quality control mechanisms;
- (d) ensure that organic agro ecological produce of the county meets the quality standards and regulations of international markets while considering adding a specific objective on the promotion, marketing, and trade of organic agro ecological produce and products;
- (e) integrate organic agro ecological production courses and farming units in technical training institutes across the County.

Application of the Act

4. (1) This Act shall apply to crops, livestock and aquaculture and any other agricultural produce and products and to all farms whether privately or communally held as well as to growers, grower organizations, co-operatives and community associations dealing with agro ecology within the boundaries of Tharaka Nithi County.

(2) The Act shall also apply specifically to all produce emanating from agro ecology—

- (a) grown, processed or marketed in Tharaka Nithi County; and
- (b) imported to or exported from Tharaka Nithi County.

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS THE COMMITTEE

Establishment of the Committee

5. There is established a Committee to be known as the Agro Ecology Development and Marketing Committee.

Functions of the Committee

6. The Committee shall perform the following functions —

- (2) regulate the agro ecology sub- sector, products and marketing promotion of agro ecology;

- (3) collaborate with other relevant agencies to promote the trade in agro ecology and its products including trade agreements, marketing, organizations and co-operatives;
- (4) advise the county government of Tharaka Nithi on all matters relating to agro ecology;
- (5) liaise with the private sector and other agencies on matters relating to marketing of products of agro ecology in order to limit duplication of efforts and ensure optimal use of available resources;
- (6) co-ordinate and mobilize resources for investments and promotion of marketing of products of agro ecology;
- (7) facilitate the marketing of products of agro ecology through provision of market information intelligence and the supply and demand at both the local and national level;
- (8) in collaboration with the local technical vocational and educational training institutions, relevant national research centers and the local institution of higher learning conduct studies and research designed to promote value addition and marketing of produce of agro ecology;
- (9) facilitate the development of skills, knowledge and adoption of appropriate value addition technologies before the marketing;
- (10) promote the adoption of standards and best practices in all sub sector production and processing activities;
- (11) support and advice on infrastructure improvement in the sub sector that improves manufacturing, processing and trade;
- (12) promote insurance enterprise schemes that reduce risks in the sub sector;
- (13) collect and disseminate data and information on agro ecology and its products for use by all stakeholders;
- (14) advise the County Governments on levies, fees, charges and incentives for purposes of planning and enhancing harmony and equity in the agro-ecological sub sector;
- (15) develop and promote systems that will enable reduction of post-production and harvest losses; and
- (16) facilitate the establishment of strategic business partnerships.

Composition of the Committee

7. (1) The Committee shall consist of the following members—

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- (a) the County Executive Committee Member in-charge of Agriculture or their representative who shall be the chairperson to the Committee;
 - (b) the County Executive Committee Member in-charge of Finance or their representative;
 - (c) the County Chief Officer in-charge of Agriculture shall be the secretary to the Committee;
 - (d) three persons appointed by Tharaka Nithi County Governor taking consideration that the nominees possess a minimum qualification of a diploma in general agriculture or related field and taking into account the principle of gender, youth engagement, regional balance and having experience in agro ecology;
 - (e) two persons nominated by the organizations with presence of activity on agro ecology promotion within Tharaka Nithi County;
 - (f) one person nominated by the umbrella Kenya organic agro ecological agriculture network or any other national umbrella body registered in Kenya with a national appeal in production, processing and or trade in agro ecology or organic agro ecological agriculture;
 - (g) the director of matters relating to agriculture.
- (2) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as a member of the Committee under sub section (d), (e) and (f) if that person —
- (a) is a state or public officer;
 - (b) is a member of a governing body of a political party;
 - (c) is an undischarged bankrupt; or
 - (d) has been removed from a public office for contravening the constitution or any other law.

Powers of the Committee

8. The Committee shall have all the powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall have the power to undertake any activity necessary for the fulfillment of its functions.

Vacancy of the Committee

9. (1) A member of the Committee appointed under section 7(d), (e) and (f) shall cease to be a member of the committee if such person —

- (a) is unable to perform the functions of the office by reason of mental or physical infirmity;
- (b) is adjudged bankrupt;
- (c) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment not less than six months;
- (d) is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee without good cause;
- (e) resigns in writing by a notice addressed to the County Governor; or
- (f) is removed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

(2) The Committee shall be properly constituted notwithstanding a vacancy in its membership.

Terms of Office and Conduct of the Committee

10. (1) The members appointed under section 7(d), (e) and (f) shall hold office for a term of three years' renewable for one further term.

(2) The Committee shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule.

(3) The Committee may establish sub committees for each produce as may be necessary to enable the carrying out of any specialized activities with respect to the promotion or management and the membership of the committee shall be drawn from the Committee.

(4) The organic agro ecological farming unit under section 15 of the Act shall be the secretariat of the Committee.

(5) The Committee Executive Member may request the Tharaka Nithi County Public Service Board to recruit an expert if need be to perform any functions in which the experts have special competences.

Remuneration of the Committee

11. The membership of the Committee shall be paid such sitting allowances and reimbursement for expenses as may be approved by the County Public Service Committee and in consultation with relevant circulars issued by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

Functions of the Chief Officer to the Committee

12. The chief officer shall be secretary to the Committee and whose functions shall be —

- (a) operations of the Committee;

- (b) organization the Committee;
- (c) management of the affairs of the Committee;
- (d) implementation of the policies and program of the Committee;
- (e) development of operation plans for achieving the Committees objectives and
- (f) performance of any other duty necessary for the implementation of this Act as may be assigned.

(2) The Chief Officer shall submit to the Committee for approval not later than three months before the commencement of each financial year a program of activities of the Committee in respect of that financial year.

Allocation for organic agro ecological agriculture

13. (1) The County Executive Member shall ensure adequate resources of the agriculture sector budget are provided for to support and promote organic agro ecological farming.

(2) The allocation may be expended for the following functions —

- (a) training and sensitization of farmers in organic agro ecological farming;
- (b) to facilitate extension services to support organic agro ecological farmers;
- (c) facilitate development of county agro ecological demonstration farms
- (d) support exhibitions of organic agro ecological products and practices
- (e) provide subsidies and economic support to organic agro ecological farmers;
- (f) promote prevention of soil erosion and degradation of wet lands/water bodies
- (g) supporting agroforestry and environmental conservation practices in farms
- (h) any other projects and programs under this Act; and
- (i) organize annual trade fairs for promotion and exhibition of organic agro ecological products.

(3) The County Executive Member shall formulate regulations to operationalize section 2 of the Act.

Implementation of agro ecology policies

14. (1) Pursuant to the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution, the County Government will implement the national governments policies to the extent that the policies relate to the County and in particular shall be responsible for —

- (2) establishment of fora for co-ordination of agro ecology development partners and service providers;
- (3) mapping and alignment of all agro ecology and organic agro ecological projects and programs to existing government policies;
- (4) regulation and enforcement of national standards related to organic agro ecological agriculture and agro ecology production, handling marketing and food safety for local trade;
- (5) collect and collate production and marketing statistics for planning and sharing with industry players; and
- (6) facilitate establishment of infrastructure for produce from agro ecology aggregation centers, transportation, processing and storage facilities.

(2) In execution of the roles provided in sub-section (1) the County may establish technical working groups to provide for technical guidance in the agro ecology matters in the County.

Organic agro ecological Farming Unit

15. (1) The County Executive member may establish a unit within the agriculture department in-charge of organic agro ecological agriculture.

(2) The unit shall be in charge of the overall organic agro ecological agriculture in the county, but in particular shall—

- (a) promote the practice of organic agro ecological agriculture;
- (b) ensure compliance to approved standards of organic agro ecological inputs to the farmers;
- (c) encourage the farmers to use on farm organic agro ecological input; and
- (d) provide training and basic infrastructure to the farmers for making on farm organic agro ecological input.

Collaboration on organic agro ecological Agriculture

16. (1) The Department of Agriculture may collaborate with relevant stakeholders on—

- (a) training;
- (b) research;
- (c) monetary and input investments; or
- (d) markets.

(2) The Department of Agriculture may in accordance with regulations made under this Act and subject to any other law, put in place programs for ensuring the provisions of the following incentives and facilities to growers—

- (a) affordable farm inputs including quality seeds, planting materials and market linkages; and
- (b) technical support including linkages to research and extension services.

(3) The County Executive Member may prepare and present annual reports on any ventures under sub-section (1) and (2) on engagements with stakeholders with regards to organic agro ecological agriculture.

Partnerships and MOUs

17. The County Government through the Department of Agriculture may enter into partnerships and memoranda of understanding with international, national and local organizations to encourage and promote organic agro ecological agriculture in the County.

Collaboration of Farmers

18. The County Government may encourage organic agro ecological agriculture farmers to collaborate with regards to organic agro ecological input and output for economies of scale and marketing the organic agro ecological produce.

PART IV— PROMOTION AND MARKETS

Promotion of organic agro ecological agriculture.

19. (1) The Committee may promote and register all organic agro ecological produce and products produced in accordance with existing certification marks including geographical indication and regions to enable traceability.

(2) The Committee shall co-ordinate and be the lead agency in promotion of marketing of organic agro ecological production under agro ecology locally and at national and international level for Tharaka Nithi County.

(3) The Committee shall collect and collate data and market intelligence for advisory and for purposes of planning.

(4) Be responsible in development of strategies in collaboration with the county government to promote private investments and in particular —

- (a) continuous data capture and updating;
- (b) planning production and marketing and input estimates and financial services; and
- (c) quality assurance and traceability.

Promotion of sale of organic agro ecological products.

20. The County Government may adopt marketing policies of organic agro ecological products produced in the county in local, national and in international markets.

Organic agro ecological production management systems

21. The County may promote agricultural production management systems which adopt the approach of agronomical, biological, and machinery operation that uses natural resources.

Balance of supply and demand

22. (1) The County Government shall uphold the balance of principle of supply and demand in promotion of organic agro ecological agriculture by—

- (a) proceeding with the development and implementation of new technology prudently and reasonably;
- (b) improving production techniques and product quality;
- (c) making the organic agro ecological agricultural products accessible to consumers; and
- (d) broaden the understanding and gaining consumer trusts.

Improvement of agricultural practices

23. The County Government shall continuously ensure the improvement of agricultural practices, research and development of agricultural technologies, and personnel training for organic agro ecological agriculture and products.

Promotion of organic agro ecological produce.

24. (1) The County Government shall ensure the promotion of organic agro ecological agriculture in learning institutions.

(2) The Committee shall in collaboration with local institutions of higher learning develop memoranda of understanding on collaboration and development of curricula and assessment guides for practical courses in agro ecology.

Value addition of organic agro ecological produce

25. (1) The County government shall promote the value addition and encourage cottage industries for the processing of organic agro ecological agricultural produce, provided that the value of organic agro ecological produce shall be maintained.

(2) The county executive member may enact regulations for the value addition and processing of organic agro ecological produce in the county.

Use of public land for organic agro ecological farming.

26. The Executive Committee Member in-charge of lands and Executive Committee Member for Agriculture shall collaboratively map out suitable Public land or lands of state-owned enterprises suitable for agricultural production shall be prioritized for the establishment of organic agro ecological agricultural promotion zones and organic agro ecological agriculture.

County Planning Framework

27. The County Executive Member shall ensure that organic agro ecological agriculture shall be part of the County Planning Framework.

PART V—REGISTRATION PROVISIONS

Registration of Dealers

28. (1) A dealer shall not conduct any business in respect of agro ecology or organic agro ecological produce or product unless that dealer is registered by the county government in accordance with this Act.

(2) The Committee or the county governments may register organic agro ecological or agro ecology producers, produce handlers and marketing agents supplying produce for the domestic markets—

- (a) packing facilities supplying produce to the domestic markets;
- (b) farm inputs producers, distributors and suppliers; and
- (c) processors and promoters.

Database of Growers

29. (1) Every grower shall be registered by the Committee or the County governments as the case may be and where the farm is located for purposes of—

- (a) continuous data capture and updating;
- (b) planning, production and marketing and input estimates and financial services;
- (c) supporting contractual farming, peer-to-peer learning and capacity building;
- (d) facilitate certification of the produce and products by the relevant bodies; and
- (e) quality assurance and traceability.

(2) The County Executive Member for the time being responsible for Agriculture may prescribe regulations for registration of growers.

PART VI — PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING

Sustainable Agriculture Practices

30. (1) The Committee shall in collaboration with the County Government develop and implement a sustainable organic agro ecological and quality inputs supply system.

(2) All growers of organic agro ecological produce under agro ecology production may use inputs from sources registered under the department in charge of matters relating to Agriculture.

Packing and Processing of Organic agro ecological Produce

31. (1) Packing, processing and storage of organic agro ecological produce and products for export shall only be conducted at premises registered and licensed by the county government.

(2) A person who contravenes the provision of this section commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand or to both.

Integrated Pest Management

32. (1) The Committee shall promote and encourage the adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices among farmers engaged in Organic agro ecological agriculture.

(2) Integrated Pest Management strategies shall prioritize non-chemical methods, such as biological control, crop rotation, and companion planting, to minimize the impact on the environment.

(3) The Committee may provide training programs and resources to educate farmers on effective Integrated Pest Management techniques compatible with Organic agro ecological farming principles.

Environmental Conservation

33. (1) All stakeholders involved in organic agro ecological agriculture, including farmers, producers, and processors, shall adhere to practices that promote environmental conservation.

(2) The Committee shall collaborate with relevant environmental agencies to develop and implement guidelines for sustainable and eco-friendly farming practices.

(3) Farmers engaged in organic agro ecological agriculture shall adopt soil conservation measures, water management practices, and other environmentally sustainable approaches to protect and enhance the local ecosystem.

Agroforestry Practices

34. (1) The County Government shall promote and support agroforestry practices as an integral component of organic agro ecological farming systems.

(2) Farmers are encouraged to incorporate agroforestry practices, such as planting of trees, shrubs, and other perennial crops, to enhance biodiversity, improve soil health, and contribute to overall ecosystem resilience.

(3) The Committee may provide incentives and technical assistance to farmers adopting agroforestry practices, including access to suitable tree varieties and knowledge on sustainable agroforestry management.

Consideration for all living organisms

35. (1) Farmers engaged in organic agro ecological agriculture shall consider the well-being of all living organisms within their farming systems.

(2) The Committee shall promote ethical and humane treatment of animals in organic agro ecological farming, ensuring that livestock and poultry are raised in conditions that meet recognized animal welfare standards.

(3) The County Government shall encourage farmers to minimize the use of practices that may harm beneficial insects, birds, and other wildlife essential to ecological balance.

(4) The Committee, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, shall periodically review and update guidelines on the ethical treatment of living organisms within the context of organic agro ecological agriculture.

PART VII—FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE.

Quality Assurance

36. (1) The Committee in collaboration with the County Government shall ensure produce and products for domestic and export market conform to quality standards in line with this Act.

(2) The Committee in collaboration with the County Government shall set strategies for monitoring and evaluation of set standards in the value chain.

Food Safety and Packaging

37. All dealers shall ensure for purposes of food safety —

- (a) produce and products are handled, graded, packaged, transported and stored in a manner to prevent product contamination; and
- (b) all personnel handling organic agro ecological produce shall meet personnel hygiene standards.

Packaging and Storage

38. The Committee shall prescribe the requirements for packaging, labelling, transportation and storage of all organic agro ecological products under the agroecology system.

Trainings on Agroecology

39. The county government in collaboration with other agencies, the Committee and private sector undertake regular trainings to growers and all interested stakeholders under agroecology.

Traceability of Produce.

40. The Committee in collaboration with the County Government shall ensure implementation of traceability standards of the produce and products.

Produce Inspectors for dealers

41. (1) The Committee in consultation with the county executive members may appoint qualified inspectors as inspectors for quality control of produce for purposes of this Act.

(2) For purpose of section 39 (1) the Committee shall set the qualification for the inspectors.

(3) A person duly appointed as an inspector may—

- (a) enter any farm or building occupied by the holder of a license issued under this Act or a person registered under his Act;
- (b) make such inspection and enquiries as the person may deem necessary for ascertainment whether the provisions of this Act or the items and conditions of the respective license or registration are being complied with.

(4) A person who hinders or obstructs any person duly exercising or attempting to exercise any of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) or who fails to give any information reasonably required commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand or to imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

PART VIII— MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Annual Report of the Committee

42. (1) The Committee shall, not more than three months after the end of each financial year, prepare a report setting out—

- (a) the description of the Committee’s activities during the year;
- (b) whether the objectives of the Committee for the year under review were met and the reasons why any targets were not achieved;
- (c) the progress made towards the improvement of the agro ecology sub sector;
- (d) efforts made to achieve the challenges by both the Committee and the county government;
- (e) any further efforts relating to the functions which may be necessary to achieve the objectives of the Committee;
- (f) recommendations on any legal and administrative measures necessary for the objectives to be fully met; and
- (g) any other information relating to the function of the Committee.

(2) The Committee shall publish and publicize all important information within its mandate affecting the agro ecology sub sector.

(3) Any person may request for information from the Committee and such request shall be addressed to the Chief Officer.

Regulations

43. The County Executive Member in charge of agriculture may in consultation with the Committee make regulations for the better carrying out the functions under this Act.

SCHEDULE

Conduct of Business and Affairs of the Committee

1. (1) The Committee shall meet not less than four times in every financial year and not more than two months shall elapse between the date of the one meeting and the date of the next meeting.

(2) A meeting of the Committee shall be held on such date and at such time as the chairperson shall appoint.

(3) Unless the majority of the membership of the Committee otherwise agree, at least fourteen days' notice of every meeting shall be given to every member.

(4) The Chairperson shall on the written application of at least one third of the members convene a special general meeting of the Committee.

(5) The quorum for the conduct of business of the Committee shall be one half of all the members.

(6) The chairperson shall when present, preside at every meeting of the Committee but the members present shall elect one member to preside whenever the chairperson is absent, and the person so elected shall have all the powers of the chairperson with respect to that meeting and the business transacted thereof.

(7) Unless a unanimous decision is reached, a decision on any matter before the Committee shall be by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting and in case of an equality of votes, the chairperson or the person presiding shall have a casting vote.

(8) Subject to sub-paragraph (5) no proceedings of the Committee shall be invalid by reason only of a vacancy among the members thereof.

2. (1) A participant with a vested interest in any contractor-related issue discussed during a meeting must promptly disclose this interest both at the meeting and as soon as reasonably possible after it begins. Subsequently, the individual is prohibited from actively participating in the deliberation, discussion, or voting on any matters pertaining to the contractor-related issue and should not be included in the quorum during the consideration of such matters.

(2) A disclosure of an interest made under sub-paragraph (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(3) A member of the Committee who contravenes sub-paragraph (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings or both.

(4) Any person or instrument which, if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not require to be under seal, may be entered into or executed on behalf of the Committee by any person generally or specifically authorized by the Committee.

(5) The Committee shall cause minutes of all meetings of all resolutions and proceedings of the meetings of the Committee to be entered in books kept for the purpose.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill of the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi that seeks to provide for the development, promotion and regulation of the Organic agro ecological food industry, to provide for the establishment of the agro ecology development and marketing Committee, in furtherance of the relevant provisions of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and for connected purposes;

PART I of the Bill provides for preliminary matters including the short title, commencement and the interpretation of words and expressions used in the Bill and the objects and purpose and application of the Bill.

PART II of the Bill contains provisions the establishment, functions and powers of the Committee including the role of the Committee in the development of agro ecology, terms and conduct of the Committee, remuneration of the Committee and the tenure of the Chief Executive Officer of the Committee.

PART III of the Bill contains provisions on the role of the county government, the collaboration of Organic agro ecological agriculture, partnerships and MOUs, as well collaboration of Framers.

Part IV of the Bill is concerned with promotion and markets, and specifically promotion of Organic agro ecological products, Organic agro ecological agriculture and the balance of supply and demand, the improvement of agricultural practices and the promotion of agricultural practices produce at all levels, value addition use of public land for Organic agro ecological farming and the county planning framework.

Part V of the Bill contains licensing and registration provisions, licenses issued by the county government, renewal of licenses, offense and creation of a database for growers.

Part VI of the Bill contains production and processing provisions on sustainable agricultural practices and packing and processing of Organic agro ecological produce.

Part VII of the Bill contains food safety and quality assurance specifically on the packaging, trainings on agro ecology, traceability of Organic agro ecological produce, and a provision on produce inspectors to ensure Organic agro ecological standards are maintained.

Part VIII of the Bill contains miscellaneous provisions including the annual report of the Committee and regulations.

This Bill is NOT a money Bill within the meaning of section 21(4) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and its enactment shall NOT occasion additional expenditure of public funds.

The Bill does not contain provisions limiting the fundamental rights and freedoms set out under the Constitution

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