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THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:—

1. The Nigerian Enterprises Promotion Decree 1972 is hereby amended as follows:—

   (a) in section 5 (3) thereof the words "within such period not being earlier than 4 months" are hereby repealed;

   (b) in section 6 (1) thereof for the words "be members of the public service of the Federation" there shall be substituted the words "be designated as such by an order published in the Federal Gazette by the Commissioner from among members of the public services of the Federation and of the States, and when so designated the inspectors shall, as respects any exercise of the functions conferred upon them by virtue of this Decree, be responsible to the Board and no other person or authority";

   (c) for section 9 thereof there shall be substituted the following new section—

   "9 The Commissioner may, notwithstanding section 5 (3) and (4) above upon an application made to him in that behalf at any time before the appointed day and with the approval of the Federal Executive Council, by an order published in the Federal Gazette, exempt any enterprise from all or any of the foregoing provisions of this Decree and may, with such approval, impose in relation to any exemption such conditions as he may think fit.";

   (d) in section 11 thereof—

   (i) in subsection (1) the words "be sentenced" are hereby repealed; and

   (ii) in subsection (2) for the words "be sentenced" there shall be substituted the words "be liable".
2. This Decree may be cited as the Nigerian Enterprises Promotion (Amendment) Decree 1973.

MADE at Lagos this 23rd day of June 1973.

GENERAL Y. GOWON,
Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the above Decree but is intended to explain its purpose)

By virtue of section 1 (a) of this Decree applications for exemptions can now be made at any time before the appointed day, that is, 31st March, 1974.

Certain other amendments concern provisions which permit the designation of members of the public services of the Federation and of States as “inspectors” of enterprises and permit exemptions to be made generally under section 9 of the principal Decree notwithstanding other provisions of the Decree relating to that subject-matter.
MARKETING BOARD (NORTHERN STATES) (AMENDMENT) 
DECREE 1973

Decree No. 29

[See Section 3] 

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:—

1. The principal Law shall no longer apply to the Benue-Plateau State, and accordingly—

(a) in section 2 of that Law, there shall be inserted therein in its proper alphabetical order the following definition:

"the States concerned" means the North-Western State, the Kano State, the North-Central State, the North-Eastern State and the Kwara State; 

(b) in section 4 of that Law, for the word "nineteen" there shall be substituted the word "sixteen", and paragraph (e) shall be deleted; 

(c) in section 11 of that Law, for the word "nine" where it twice occurs there shall be substituted the word "seven"; 

(d) in section 18 of that Law, for the words "Northern Nigeria" where they occur in the second line of paragraph (a) there shall be substituted the words "the States concerned" and for the words "Northern Nigeria" where they occur in the fourth line of the said paragraph (a), there shall be substituted the words "those States"; 

(e) in section 19 of that Law, for the words "Northern Nigeria" there shall be substituted the words "the States concerned"; and 

(f) in the Schedule to that Law, the words "Sheanuts and" shall be deleted.

2. In this Decree "the principal Law" means the Marketing Board Law of the former Region of Northern Nigeria, as amended.
3. This Decree may be cited as the Marketing Board (Northern States) (Amendment) Decree 1973 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st April 1972.

Made at Lagos this 23rd day of June 1973.

General Y. Gowon,
Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria

Explanatory Note
(This note does not form part of the above Decree but is intended to explain its purpose)

The Decree excludes the Benue-Plateau State from the operation of the Marketing Board Law of the former Northern Nigeria (and makes necessary consequential amendments in that Law) thereby leaving the way clear for the Benue-Plateau State Government to establish a marketing board for the State.