

The Lazarus Global Gold Standard Compliance Framework Act

A model Act proposed by the Lazarus Council to encourage nations to adopt advanced humanitarian food-donation policies, foster innovation, and earn international recognition for excellence in eliminating food waste and hunger.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of [Nation], as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Act may be cited as the “Lazarus Global Gold Standard Compliance Framework Act.”

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND FINDINGS

1. The Lazarus Laws provide a baseline for eliminating legal barriers to food donation.
2. Nations that exceed this baseline through incentives, innovation, and measurable progress should be recognized as global leaders in humanitarian food-security reform.
3. Establishing a “Gold Standard” framework encourages voluntary advancement without imposing costs on developing countries.

Purpose: To define a voluntary recognition tier for nations implementing enhanced donation incentives, waste-reduction programs, and transparency systems consistent with the Lazarus Council’s humanitarian objectives.

SECTION 3. GOLD STANDARD CRITERIA

A nation may qualify as Lazarus Gold Standard Compliant by adopting, in addition to the core Lazarus Laws, at least three of the following measures:

1. Tax incentives for donors.
2. Donation requirements for large food generators.
3. Public-private recovery partnerships.
4. Food-waste penalties or reporting.
5. Data and transparency systems via the Lazarus Data Gateway.
6. Emergency reserves and rapid response protocols.
7. Public education and awareness programs aligned with Lazarus Council materials.

SECTION 4. VOLUNTARY ENROLLMENT AND CERTIFICATION

1. Participation is voluntary and free of charge.
2. Governments seeking Gold Standard status shall submit a summary to the Lazarus Council describing implemented measures and expected impacts.
3. Upon verification, the Lazarus Council shall issue a Certificate of Gold Standard Compliance valid for three years, renewable upon review.

SECTION 5. RECOGNITION AND BENEFITS

1. Gold Standard nations shall be publicly recognized on the Lazarus Global Compliance Index and may display the official Lazarus Gold Seal in government and industry

communications.

2. The Lazarus Council may prioritize Gold Standard nations for pilot projects, training, and technical assistance.
3. Gold Standard nations may nominate representatives to the Lazarus Council Global Advisory Panel to share data, research, and best practices.

SECTION 6. VERIFICATION AND REPORTING

1. Participating governments shall submit summary data annually through the secure Lazarus Data Gateway (LazarusCouncil.com/SubmitData).
2. Data shall include only high-level metrics specified by the Council and may be entered via standardized web forms to minimize burden.
3. The Lazarus Council shall compile non-confidential data into its annual Global Impact Report, highlighting progress and innovation across participating nations.
4. Participation requires no financial contribution unless voluntarily offered to support shared projects or data systems.

SECTION 7. ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Minister responsible for trade, agriculture, or social development shall coordinate with the Lazarus Council for verification and technical exchange.
2. The Lazarus Council publishes model templates for reporting and self-assessment available at <https://LazarusCouncil.com/GoldStandard>.
3. Existing personnel and resources shall be used; no new offices are required for compliance.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act takes effect immediately and is available to all nations that have adopted the core Lazarus Laws.