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C. Douglas Jones

Officer Administering the
Government.

6th July, 1934.

BRITISH GUIANA.

ORDINANCE NO. 18 OF 1934.

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the importation of textile goods from foreign countries. A.D. 1934.

BE it enacted by the Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Importation of Textiles (Quotas) Ordinance, 1934. Short Title.

2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires—

“quota” means the quantity of textile goods or any class or classes of textile goods manufactured in any individual foreign country which may be imported during any period in accordance with a proclamation made by the Governor under section three of this Ordinance;

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tion of terms.

"quota period" means any period in respect of which any quota has been fixed by the Governor under section three of this Ordinance;

"foreign country" means any country or territory not being a part of the British Empire as defined in the Customs Duties Ordinance (No. 2) 1933;

"regulated textiles" means any textile goods, and any class or classes of textile goods manufactured in a foreign country, in respect of which any quota has been fixed by the Governor under section three of this Ordinance;

"the Comptroller" means the Comptroller of Customs;

"prescribed" means prescribed by regulations under this Ordinance.

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Fixing of
quotas.

3.—(1) The Governor may fix by proclamation the total quantity of textile goods or of any class or classes of textile goods manufactured in any foreign country which may be imported during any period.

(2) The quota period specified in any proclamation made in accordance with sub-section (1) of this section may commence prior to the coming into operation of this Ordinance; and any imports of regulated textiles between the commencement of the period and the coming into operation of this Ordinance may be taken into account for the purposes of section five of this Ordinance:

Provided that no importation made prior to the coming into operation of this Ordinance shall constitute an offence under section seven of this Ordinance.

Returns and
declarations
of origin.

4. No person shall import any regulated textiles unless he shall at the time of importation submit to the Comptroller a return of the quantity, class and origin of the goods imported and a declaration of the origin in the prescribed form:

Provided that, during a period of three months or such further period as the Comptroller may allow after the coming into operation of this Ordinance, imports of regulated textiles may, at the discretion of the Comptroller, and subject to such conditions as he may impose either generally or in any particular case as to the subsequent submission of evidence of origin, be admitted without the submission of such a declaration of origin.

Records of
imports and
publication
thereof.

5.—(1) The imports of regulated textiles manufactured in any foreign country shall be separately recorded by the Comptroller.

(2) Any person may at any time on payment of the prescribed fee require the Comptroller to furnish a statement of the total quantity already imported of any regulated textiles manufactured in any individual foreign country during any quota period and the Comptroller shall furnish such statement accordingly.

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(3) When the imports of any regulated textiles manufactured in any foreign country during any quota period attain the quota fixed in respect of such textiles for such country in that period, the Governor shall issue a notice to that effect in the *Gazette*; and such notice shall specify the foreign country, the regulated textiles and the quota period to which it refers.

6. Upon the issue of a notice under sub-section (3) of the preceding section further imports of the regulated textiles concerned manufactured in the country specified therein shall be prohibited until the end of the quota period :

Prohibition of imports in excess of quota.

Provided that, notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance, the Governor may if he thinks fit, in any proclamation issued under this Ordinance, direct that regulated textiles in excess of the several quotas therein fixed may be imported on payment of such duties, in addition to those prescribed by the Customs Duties Ordinance or any Ordinance amending the same, as may be specified in the proclamation, and accordingly this Ordinance shall have effect subject to such direction.

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7.—(1) If any regulated textiles are imported contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance the same shall be forfeited and may be disposed of as the Governor may direct : provided that it shall be lawful for the Comptroller in his absolute discretion to permit the importer of any such goods to re-export the same from the colony within such period as the Comptroller may determine.

Offences and penalties.

(2) Any person who shall knowingly import any regulated textiles contrary to the provisions of section four or section six of this Ordinance or shall fail to comply with any conditions imposed by the Comptroller under the proviso to the said section four shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

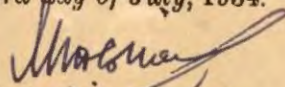
8. The Governor in Council may make regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Regulations.

9. This Ordinance shall be construed as one with the Customs Ordinance, and all rights, duties, powers and privileges conferred thereunder upon the Comptroller and any officer of Customs in relation to the importation, examination, entry and forfeiture of goods and all other powers and provisions whatsoever contained in the said Ordinance shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the importation, examination, entry and forfeiture of regulated textiles.

Construction with an application of Cap. 33.

Passed by the Legislative Council this 3rd day of July, 1934.


Clerk of the Council.

(M.P. 3632/33).