

## CHAPTER 160.

## BALATA.

[No. XL of 1903.]

[14th November, 1903.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Balata Ordinance.

Interpretation.

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

“Balata” includes rubber and any substance of a like nature;

“officer” includes any officer of the department of lands and mines, any commissary of taxation, and any member of the police force.

No sale of balata without a licence.

3.—(1) No one shall sell or export balata unless he takes out a licence for so doing.

(2) The licence shall not be issued to anyone unless—

(a) he is the holder of a licence for obtaining balata, issued under the crown lands regulations for the time being in force;

(b) he satisfies the Chief Commissary or a commissary that he is the owner or lawful occupier of land on which bullet trees are growing; or

(c) he is the duly authorised agent of the persons aforesaid.

(3) The Chief Commissary or a commissary shall not be bound to issue any licence under this section.

No purchase of balata without a licence.

4.—(1) No one shall purchase balata unless he takes out a licence for so doing.

(2) The Chief Commissary or a commissary shall not be bound to issue a licence under this section.

Licensees to keep books.

5.—(1) Everyone licensed to sell, export, or purchase, balata shall keep a book in which shall be entered—

(a) the name and address of the person to whom he sells, or from whom he purchases it, or for whom as agent he sells or exports it;

- (b) the quantity of balata so sold, purchased, or exported;
- (c) the price at which it was sold and purchased;
- (d) the date of the sale, purchase, or export; and,
- (e) if he be the seller or exporter thereof, the place from which it was obtained.

(2) The book shall be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of any officer.

(3) Anyone licensed as aforesaid who neglects to keep the book, or duly to enter therein the particulars hereinbefore required, or who refuses to allow it to be inspected by an officer, shall on summary conviction thereof be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Penalty for default.

6.—(1) Whenever a licence is issued under section three of this Ordinance to anyone who is the owner or lawful occupier of land on which bullet trees are growing, the licence shall specify on the face thereof the quantity of balata which the person licensed may sell or export under it, and anyone so licensed who during the currency of his licence sells or exports a greater quantity of balata than that specified in his licence, shall on conviction thereof be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Licence issued to owner of private land to specify quantity of balata to be sold under it.

Penalty.

(2) The quantity of balata to be specified in a licence as the quantity which may be sold or exported thereunder shall be the quantity which the Chief Commissary or the commissary issuing the licence considers may reasonably be expected to be collected from the land owned or occupied by the person so to be licensed during the period for which the licence is to be issued, and for the purpose of estimating that quantity, the Chief Commissary or the commissary, before issuing the licence may require that land and the bullet trees upon it to be inspected by an officer at the expense of the applicant for the licence.

7.—(1) Licences to sell, export, or purchase balata may be issued in Georgetown by the Chief Commissary, and in all other places by the commissary of the district.

Issue of licences.

(2) A licence shall expire on the thirty-first day of March next after its issue, and the person to whom it is issued shall pay for it the sum fixed by the Tax Ordinance for the time being in force.

Penalty for  
selling  
without.

(3) Everyone who sells, exports, or purchases balata without having a licence in force for so doing under this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Imported  
balata ex-  
cepted from  
Ordinance.

8. This Ordinance shall not apply to any balata imported into the colony from any country or place outside the colony.

Prosecution  
of offences.

9. Any offence created or penalty imposed by this Ordinance may be prosecuted or recovered under the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinances.

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