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CHAPTER 336**IMPORTATION OF TEXTILES (QUOTAS)**

An Act to regulate the importation into this Island of certain textiles. 1934-1.
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ment.

1. This Act may be cited as the Importation of Textiles (Quotas) Act. Short title.

2. For the purposes of this Act, the expression— Interpretation.
- “ Comptroller ” means the Comptroller of Customs;
- “ foreign country ” means any country or territory not being a part of the Commonwealth as defined for purposes of British preferential tariff;
- “ Minister ” means the Minister responsible for Trade;
- “ prescribed ” means prescribed by regulations;
- “ quota ” means the quantity or value 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 an order made by the Minister under section 3;
- “ quota period ” means any period in respect of which any quota has been fixed by the Minister under section 3;
- “ 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 Minister under section 3: provided that for the purposes of this Act any textile goods of a class in respect of which a quota has been fixed shall be deemed to be manufactured in a foreign country unless accompanied by a certificate of British origin in the manner and form prescribed.

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Fixing of
quotas.

3. The Minister may fix by order the total quantity or value of textile goods or any class or classes of textile goods manufactured in any foreign country which may be imported during any period.

Returns and
declarations
of origin.

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

Admission of
imports in
excess of
quota.

5. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Minister may, if he thinks fit, in any order issued under this Act, 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 Act or any other Acts, as may be specified in the order, and accordingly this Act shall have effect subject to such direction.

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(2) Every such order shall be submitted as soon as possible for the approval of both Houses and if not approved shall cease to be an order from the date of its disapproval, but the non-approval shall not affect anything done or suffered under the said order between its coming into force and its rejection by Parliament.

Issue of
import
licences.

6. (1) No person shall import any regulated textiles otherwise than in accordance with a direction given under section 5, except under licence issued by the Comptroller.

(2) Every licence issued under this section shall state the quantity or value, class and country of manufacture of textile goods which may be imported under it and the period during which the licence is valid.

(3) Applications for licences to import any regulated textiles shall be made to the Comptroller and shall state full particulars of the quantity, value, class and country of manufacture of the goods proposed to be imported under them.

(4) The period during which any import licence is valid shall fall wholly within a single quota period.

(5) The total quantity or value of imports of any regulated

textiles, manufactured in any country, during any quota period which may be authorised by import licences issued under this section shall not exceed the quota for that country fixed for that quota period.

(6) On the importation of any regulated textiles, the appropriate import licence shall be endorsed by the Comptroller and when the total quantity or value of goods the importation of which is thereby authorised has been imported, the licence shall be surrendered to the Comptroller and cancelled.

7. (1) Where it appears to the Comptroller that, in respect of any particular foreign country and any quota period, the quantity or value of any regulated textiles in respect of which import licences are likely to be applied for will exceed the appropriate quota for that country and quota period, he shall cause a notice to be published in the *Official Gazette* and one daily newspaper to the effect that the issue of import licences for the import of such goods will be restricted.

Restriction
of import
licences.

(2) Any notice issued under subsection (1) shall specify the regulated textiles, the quota period and the foreign country to which it relates and shall further specify a period within which applications for import licences for such imports may be submitted.

(3) On the expiry of the period within which applications may be submitted, the Comptroller shall consider all the applications received and, if the total quantity or value of goods covered by such applications does not exceed the appropriate quota, he may issue import licences in accordance with all applications.

(4) Where the total quantity or value of goods covered by the applications exceeds the appropriate quota, the Comptroller, shall in his discretion, subject to the approval of the Minister, issue licences (hereinafter called "restricted import licences") to the several applicants for quantities or values proportionate to the volume of their previous importations or to the quantities or values specified in their application or on any other basis.

8. An import licence or a restricted import licence may, with the consent of the Comptroller, be transferred from the

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person to whom it was issued to any other person designated by him.

Offences and penalties.

9. Any person who knowingly imports any regulated textiles contrary to section 4, 5 or 6, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of two hundred and forty dollars.

Regulations.

10. The Minister may make regulations for giving effect to this Act.