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A LAW TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW WITH REGARD TO THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF TOBACCO.

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[1st July, 1932.]

Preliminary.

1. This Law may be cited as the Tobacco Law.

Short title.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law—

“cigarettes” include all articles made of cut, pressed, crushed or rubbed tobacco rolled or enveloped in paper, leaf or other covering intended to be smoked in such covering ;

“Collector of Customs” means the Principal Customs and Excise Officer in a district ;

“dealer” means any person not being a manufacturer who purchases tobacco grown in Cyprus for the purpose of trade ;

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“excise duty” means the duty imposed under the provisions of Part III of this Law ;

2 of 41/53*.

“Excise Officer” means any officer of the Department of Customs and Excise ;

2 of 41/53*.

“export” with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions means to convey goods from a port or shipping place in the Colony to a place outside the Colony under the provisions of the Customs Management Law, or any Law amending or substituted for the same ;

Cap. 315.

“grower” means any person who plants or causes land to be planted with tobacco ;

“manufacture” means the conversion of tobacco into manufactured tobacco ;

“manufacturer” means any person who owns or controls any factory wherein tobacco is manufactured ;

“manufactured tobacco” means cut tobacco, cut tumbeki, cigarettes, cigars, snuff and chewing tobacco and includes any tobacco which has been subjected to any process which renders it fit for human consumption ;

“ship” means any steamer, vessel, lighter or boat and any other description of craft used in navigation ;

“tobacco” means tobacco seedlings, plants, leaves and their stems and fibres and includes any form of tobacco other than manufactured tobacco ;

“tobacco warehouse” means a warehouse appointed by the Governor under section 70 ;

“tumbeki” means the Persian Tobacco commonly known by that name ;

* Came into operation on the 1st February, 1954.

“yellow-leaf tobacco” means any tobacco grown in Cyprus from seed of the Turkish or oriental type and commonly known in the tobacco trade by that name.

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PART I.

CULTIVATION OF TOBACCO.

3. (1) No person shall plant or cultivate tobacco on any land of any category without a licence previously obtained from the Collector of Customs issued under the provisions of this Law.

No cultivation without licence.

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(2) No person shall plant or cultivate tobacco except on a plot of land of not less than two donums in area the whole of which is planted with tobacco.

(3) Any person acting in contravention of subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds and any tobacco planted or cultivated in contravention of this section shall be uprooted and destroyed :

Provided that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to tobacco which although planted or cultivated in accordance with the provisions of this Law is subsequently partially lost, damaged, destroyed or abandoned and the grower has notified the Collector of Customs as in section 12.

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Law contained, any person may, without a licence, sow tobacco seed in a seed bed for the purpose of raising tobacco plants.

Tobacco seed.

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(2) Any tobacco plants raised in any seed bed as in subsection (1) of this section provided shall be either planted out or destroyed before the 31st day of May in each year.

5. (1) Every person desiring to plant or cultivate tobacco shall, during such period as may be prescribed by the Comptroller by notice in the *Gazette*, apply to the Collector of Customs of the district where the land is situated for a licence to plant or cultivate tobacco therein.

Licence to plant or cultivate tobacco.

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