

17. Section 154 of the principal Law is hereby amended by the deletion therefrom of sub-section (3).

Amendment
of section 154
of the
principal
Law.

J. FLETCHER-COOKE,

24th February, 1953. Colonial Secretary.

No. 7 of 1953.

A LAW TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE CONTROL OF GRAIN,
THE REGULATION OF ITS PRICE, IMPORTATION AND LOCAL
CONSUMPTION AND OF MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

A. B. WRIGHT,] [25th February, 1953.
Governor.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as
follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Grain Control Law, 1953. Short title.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law unless the context otherwise requires—

“ Commission ” means the Grain Commission established under section 4 ;

“ controlled article ” means any kind of grain declared under section 3 to be controlled ;

“ grain ” includes barley and all kinds of grain used for human consumption or consumption by animal ;

“ miller ” means a person who by process of milling converts a controlled article into any form of flour ;

“ producer ” means any person who, since the date of the declaration of a controlled article, has cultivated and produced any such article himself or through his agents or servants or on the crop sharing system ;

“ purchase ” includes an agreement to purchase ;

“ sell ” and “ sale ” include an agreement to sell.

Power to the
Governor in
Council to
place grain
under
control.

3.—(1) If at any time it appears to the Governor in Council to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of securing a sufficiency of any kind of grain essential to the well being of the community or its equitable distribution or availability at fair prices or that public interest so requires, the Governor in Council may, by Order (hereinafter referred to as “ the Control Order ”) declare that kind of grain to be a controlled article and thereupon the provisions of this Law shall have effect in respect of such article.

(2) The Governor in Council may, if satisfied that the circumstances which led to the making of a Control Order have ceased to exist or that public interest so requires, cancel such Order and upon such cancellation the provisions of this Law shall, subject to section 17, cease to apply to such article.

Grain
Commission.

4.—(1) On the making of any Control Order the Governor shall establish a Grain Commission to perform the functions provided in section 5.

(2) The Commission shall consist of a Chairman and four other members, to be appointed by the Governor to hold office in accordance with the terms of the appointment :

Provided that the Governor may, at any time, revoke any appointment made under this sub-section.

(3) The Commission may make rules governing its own proceedings, the convening of its meetings, the quorum thereof and providing, subject to the approval of the Governor, for the payment of any allowances to any of its members.

(4) The Commission may act notwithstanding a vacancy among the members thereof.

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Law the Commission shall have power to perform the following functions :—

Functions
of the Com-
mission.

- (a) to provide or secure or promote the provision, within the Colony, of the required supply of the controlled article, and for this purpose to import or control the importation and to purchase or sell or control the purchase or sale of the controlled article ;
- (b) to export or regulate and control the exportation of any controlled article ;
- (c) to establish stores and agencies for the storage, purchase, sale, distribution and delivery of the controlled article ;
- (d) when public interest so requires and with the approval of the Governor in Council to establish and operate mills and similar plant for preparing and for processing the controlled article ;
- (e) to enter into and carry out any agreement for the importation, exportation, purchase, sale, distribution, milling, treating, processing, storage or grinding of the controlled article ;
- (f) to regulate, license and control the production, importation, exportation, purchase, sale, distribution, milling, treating, processing, storage or grinding of the controlled article ;
- (g) with the approval of the Governor to fix the maximum price at which such article shall be purchased or sold ;
- (h) to require any person to furnish the Commission, within such period as the Commission may require, with a full and accurate return in the prescribed form of any controlled article in his possession or under his control or of any particulars in connection therewith ;
- (i) with the approval of the Governor to appoint such officers, servants or agents, at such remuneration, and on such terms and conditions as may be necessary for the proper and efficient execution of the functions of the Commission and to require any officer, servant or agent so appointed to give such security as may be deemed proper for the due execution of their functions ;
- (j) with the consent of the Governor to borrow money or to make loans or advances in the performance of its functions ;
- (k) to establish a fund known as the stabilization account to which such portion of the profits as the Commission may decide might be carried and from which losses might be met for the purpose of maintaining a uniform price for the controlled article.

(2) The Commission shall comply with such directions as may be given from time to time by the Governor.

Funds of the Commission.

6. The funds of the Commission shall consist of such money as may accrue from the operation of the Commission and such other money as may from time to time, with the approval of the Governor, be apportioned from public funds.

Accounts and Audit.

7.—(1) The Commission shall keep true accounts of—

(a) all sums received or expended by the Commission and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place ;

(b) the stock in trade of the Commission ; and

(c) the assets and liabilities of the Commission which shall be prepared to show separately the fixed or capital assets of the Commission and the sums borrowed or owing on account of loans or advances.

(2) The Commission shall furnish the Governor as soon as possible after the completion of every year during the time it functions a report upon the administration of the affairs of the Commission for the previous year together with a balance sheet and a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Commission duly audited by the Principal Auditor.

Power to the Commission to hold property.

8.—(1) The Commission may purchase or otherwise acquire, hire and hold any movable property for the purposes of this Law and may dispose any such property.

(2) The Commission may, with the consent of the Governor—

(a) purchase or otherwise acquire and hold any immovable property for the purposes of this Law ;

(b) sell or otherwise alienate any such immovable property or any interest therein ;

(c) take on lease any immovable property for the purposes of this Law or demise any immovable property vested in the Commission :

Provided that the consent of the Governor shall not be required for any lease or demise of any such property for any term not exceeding one year.

Restriction on the disposal of a controlled article.

9. From and after the declaration of a controlled article—

(a) save under a written permit issued by the Commission no person, other than the Commission or its authorized agents, shall purchase such article :

Provided that any person may purchase by retail from the Commission or its authorized agents a quantity of the controlled article reasonably required for use by, or consumption in, the purchaser's household for a reasonable time ;