



**SUPPLEMENT No. 2**

TO

**THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3743 OF 13TH FEBRUARY, 1954**

**LEGISLATION.**

**THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS**

**No. 8 OF 1954.**

A LAW TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO  
THE MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF CUSTOMS.

J. FLETCHER-COOKE,] [11th February, 1954.

*Officer Administering the Government.*

**BE** it enacted by His Excellency the Officer Administering  
the Government and Commander-in-Chief of the  
Colony of Cyprus as follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Customs Management Short title.  
Law, 1954.

## PART I.

## PRELIMINARY.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law and in all Customs Laws, unless the context otherwise requires—

“aerodrome” means any area of land or water designed, equipped, set apart or commonly used for affording facilities for the landing or departure of aircraft, where an examination station for Customs purposes has been established ;

“aircraft” means any aeroplane, seaplane and flying boat and includes any glider, helicopter, or other contrivance of whatever kind, whether having a means of propulsion or not, that is capable of flight, whether by itself or in conjunction with another aircraft, and in which goods may be transported into or out of the Colony ;

“by authority” means by the authority of the Comptroller or a collector or any person acting in such appointments ;

“clearance” in relation to goods, means the presentation of an entry with the documents prescribed by this Law or any other Law or Regulations thereunder in force for the time being, the payment of any Customs duties or charges due thereon, and their removal from Customs control, and “clearing” and “cleared” have corresponding meanings ;

“collector” includes the Comptroller, any Collector of Customs, any principal officer of Customs doing duty at the time and place and any officer doing duty in the matter in relation to which the expression is used ;

“Court” means a Court of competent jurisdiction ;

“Customs Laws” includes this Law and all Laws and Regulations relating to Customs in force in the Colony ;

“Customs porter” means any person approved by the Comptroller to handle, and engaged in handling, within any Customs area, any goods upon their discharge from any ship, aircraft or other vessel to a pier or wharf, until delivery of such goods out of Customs control ;

“Customs store” means any place, other than a Customs warehouse and a licensed warehouse, provided or approved by the Government for the deposit—

(a) of goods liable to Customs duties or charges, for security thereof and of the Customs duties and charges due thereon ; and

(b) of goods destined for exportation pending exportation ;

“ Customs warehouse ” means any place, other than a Customs store and a licensed warehouse, provided or approved by the Government for the deposit of goods for security thereof and of the Customs duties and charges due thereon ;

“ days ” does not include Sundays or any Customs holiday which the Governor in Council may, by Order, declare to be a Customs holiday for the purpose of this Law ;

“ documents ” includes books ;

“ drawback ” means a repayment of the Customs duty under the provisions of any Customs Laws or Regulations thereunder upon goods on exportation, and includes allowance, bounty or rebate ;

“ dutiable goods ” includes all goods in respect of which any Customs duty is payable ;

“ examination station ” means any place at an aerodrome or port approved by the Governor as a place for the embarkation or disembarkation of passengers and loading or unloading of goods ;

“ explosives ” means gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, blasting powder, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, coloured fires and every other substance, whether similar to those above mentioned or not, used or manufactured with a view to produce a practical effect by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect, and includes fog signals, fireworks, fuses, rockets, percussion caps, detonators, cartridges, ammunition of all descriptions, and every adaptation or preparation of any explosive substance as above defined ;

“ 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 ;

“ foreign country ” means any place outside the territorial limits of the Colony ;

“ goods ” means all kinds of movable property, including animals ;

“ import ” with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions means the bringing of goods into or within the Colony by sea or air from a place outside the Colony ;

“ jetty ” see “ wharf ” ;

“ licensed ” means licensed by the Comptroller ;

“ licensed warehouse ” means any place licensed for the accommodation of goods entered to be warehoused and in which such goods may be deposited, kept and secured without payment of duty ;

“means of conveyance” means any aircraft, animal, carriage, vessel, railway waggon, or other vehicle used for the purpose of transporting goods ;

“motor vehicle” means a motor car, motor lorry, motor caravan or motor bicycle with or without a side-car or trailer attachment, together with any equipment for sleeping and camping accommodation ;

“officer” includes all persons employed in the service of the Customs other than labourers, and any Government officer for the time being performing the duties of the Customs ;

“owner”, in respect of goods, includes any person, (other than an officer acting in his official capacity) who is, or holds himself out to be, the owner, importer, exporter, consignee, agent or person in possession of, or beneficially interested in, or having control of, or power of disposal over, the goods ;

“owner” in respect of a vessel or other means of conveyance, includes every person acting as agent for the owner or authorized by the owner to receive freight or other charges payable in respect of the vessel or other means of conveyance ;

“package” includes every means by which goods for carriage may be cased, covered, enclosed, contained or packed ;

“pier” see “wharf” ;

“pilot” in respect of any aircraft, includes the person in charge of any aircraft ;

“port” means any place appointed to be a port by the Governor in Council ;

“quay” see “wharf” ;

“ship” includes every description of vessel used in navigation not propelled by oars only ;

“shipping place” means any place, other than a port, appointed or approved to be a shipping place by the Governor in Council ;

“smuggling” means any importation, exportation, or carriage coastwise, or attempted importation, exportation, or carriage coastwise, of goods, with intent to defraud the Revenue of the Colony or to evade any prohibition of, restriction on, or regulation as to the importation, exportation, or carriage coastwise of goods, and “smuggle” and “smuggled goods” have corresponding meanings ;

“the Customs” means the Department of Customs and Excise ;

“unlawful conveyance” or “unlawfully conveying” in respect of any smuggled or forfeited goods, means the conveying of any smuggled or forfeited goods otherwise than by authority ;

“wharf” means a place appointed or approved by the Governor in Council for the landing or shipment of goods and includes any jetty, pier or quay in a port ;

“wharf owner” includes any owner or any occupier of a wharf, jetty, pier or quay, or any part of any wharf, jetty, pier, or quay in a port.

3.—(1) Whenever by this Law any person is required to answer any question, such person shall, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, truly answer any such question that may be asked.

Obligation to answer questions and to produce documents.

(2) Whenever by this Law any person is required to produce documents, such person shall, to the best of his power, produce to the collector all documents relating to the subject matter mentioned.

## PART II. ADMINISTRATION.

4. There shall be a Comptroller who shall be the permanent head of the Customs and shall be charged with the general administration of this Law.

Comptroller and his functions.

5.—(1) The Comptroller may, by writing under his hand, delegate to any officer in relation to any particular matter or class of matters or in relation to any district, port or shipping place, any of his powers under any Customs Laws (except the power of delegation).

Delegation by Comptroller.

(2) A delegation shall be revocable in writing at will, and no delegation shall prevent the exercise of any power by the Comptroller.

6. The flag to be flown on Customs houses and vessels in the service of the Customs shall be the blue Ensign with a badge of two red lions in a white circular ground in the fly.

Customs flag.

7. The Governor in Council may, by Order, from time to time—

Appointment of boarding stations, etc.

- (a) appoint boarding stations for the boarding of vessels by officers ;
- (b) appoint ports and fix their limits ;
- (c) appoint aerodromes for civil air traffic and fix their limits ;
- (d) appoint wharves in any port and fix their limits ;
- (e) appoint places for the examination of goods ;
- (f) appoint shipping places on the coast, other than ports, and fix their limits ;