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An Act to make provision for the regulation and control of the manufacture of goods.

[4 April 1959]

Short title

1. This Act is the Control of Manufacture Act 1959.

Interpretation

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

“goods” includes all materials, commodities and articles for the time being specified in the First or Second Schedule;

“manufacture” means —

- (a) the making of any goods or part of any goods;
- (b) the altering, ornamenting, finishing, cleaning or washing or the breaking up or the assembling or processing in any form of any goods; or
- (c) the adapting for sale of any goods, in which machinery operated by mechanical power is used;

“registered manufacturer” means, in respect of the goods for the manufacture of which he is so registered, a person registered under section 3;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Manufacturers appointed under section 4.

Manufacture of goods prohibited except on registration

3. Subject to the provisions of this Act, no person shall engage in the manufacture for sale or other commercial purpose of any goods unless he is registered under the provisions of this Act in respect of that manufacture.

Appointment of Registrar

4.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Minister may, by name or office, appoint a Registrar of Manufacturers and such Deputy and Assistant Registrars of Manufacturers and such other officers as he may consider necessary.

(2) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, authorise any Deputy or Assistant Registrar of Manufacturers to exercise and perform all or any of the powers and duties conferred and imposed on the Registrar.

Registration

5.—(1) Every application for registration under section 3 shall be made in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by such information as may be required by any rules made under this Act.

(2) The Registrar may in his discretion register or refuse to register any person applying for registration in respect of any goods or class of goods and at the time of registering any person may impose such conditions as he thinks fit.

(3) Where any person satisfies the Minister that immediately before the specification of any particular goods or class of goods in the First Schedule he —

(a) was engaged in the manufacture in Singapore of those goods or class of goods; or

(b) had bona fide made substantial preparations for, or incurred expense with a view to, the manufacture in Singapore of those goods or class of goods,

an application by that person for registration in respect of those goods or class of goods within 6 months of the specification shall not be refused, and no condition may be imposed in respect thereof.

(4) Any person aggrieved by the imposition of any condition by the Registrar, or by the refusal of the Registrar to register any person, may appeal in writing to the Minister whose decision shall be final.

(5) Every application for registration shall be accompanied by such fee as may be prescribed.

(6) Registration shall not be transferable from one person to another without the written consent of the Minister, which consent shall not be withheld in respect of any registration to which subsection (3) applies.

Revocation of registration

6.—(1) Where it appears to the Registrar that —

(a) any registration was effected as a result of a misrepresentation of facts;