

Customs (Amendment No. 2) Bill

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Read the first time on 17th August 1966.

An Act to amend the Customs Ordinance, 1960 (Ord. 44 of 1960).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Customs (Amendment No. 2) Act, 1966, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Customs Ordinance, 1960 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Ordinance”) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Extension of operation

2. This Ordinance shall not apply —

- (a) to Pulau Sebarok or Pulau Bukom Besar in so far as petroleum is concerned; and
- (b) with the exception of the provisions of sections 33 to 35, section 83, sections 89 to 99, section 101 and sections 103 to 113, to any free trade zone.”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the definitions of “dutiable goods”, “export”, “goods”, “import” and “value” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

“dutiable goods” means any goods subject to the payment of customs duty on entry into customs territory or manufactured in Singapore including any free trade zone and on which customs duty has not been paid and includes goods manufactured in a free trade zone from materials of a class dutiable on entry into customs territory for consumption within the customs territory;

“export”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to take or cause to be taken out of the customs territory by any means or to place goods in any form of conveyance for the purpose of taking such goods out of the customs territory by any means to any place including a free trade zone:

Provided that goods *bona fide* in transit, including goods which have been transhipped, shall not be deemed to be exported unless they are or become uncustomed goods;

“goods” includes animals, birds, fish, plants and all kinds of movable property;

“import”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to bring or cause to be brought into the customs territory by any means from any place including a free trade zone: Provided that goods *bona fide* in transit, including goods which have been taken into any free trade zone from outside the customs territory or transhipped, shall not, for the purpose of the levy of customs duties, be deemed to be imported unless they are or become uncustomed goods;

“value”, in relation to imported goods, means the price which an importer would give for the goods on a purchase in the open market if the goods were delivered to him at the place of payment of customs duty and if freight, insurance, commission and all other costs, charges and expenses (except any customs duties and wharf handling, storage, removal, mechanical equipment and other like charges incurred in a free trade zone) incidental to the purchase and

delivery at such place had been paid;”;

- (b) by inserting immediately after the definition of “customs duty” appearing therein the following new definition: —

“ “customs territory” means Singapore and the territorial waters thereof but excluding any free trade zone;”;

- (c) by inserting immediately after the definition of “export” appearing therein the following new definition: —

“ “free trade zone” means any area in Singapore which has been declared to be a free trade zone under the provisions of the Free Trade Zones Act, 1966 (Act of 1966); ”;

- (d) by inserting immediately after the definition of “toddy” appearing therein the following new definition: —

“ “tourist” means any person whose entry into Singapore is dependent upon the presentation of a passport or other travel document and whose stay in Singapore does not exceed six months, and includes persons in transit and such other class of persons as the Comptroller may specify by notification in the *Gazette*;”;

- (e) by deleting the words “customs or licensed warehouse” appearing in the third line of subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “Government warehouse, licensed factory warehouse or licensed warehouse”.

Amendment of section 11

4. Section 11 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(1) There shall be charged, levied and paid to the Comptroller such customs duties on any goods imported into the customs territory or manufactured in Singapore as may be prescribed by the Minister by order published in the *Gazette*.”.

Amendment of section 20

5. Section 20 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the word “Government” appearing in the fifth line of paragraph (c) of subsection (8) thereof the expression “warehouse, licensed factory warehouse”.