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BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE CUSTOMS.

NOTICE is hereby given for general information that His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to make the following regulations under the Bechuanaland Protectorate Customs Management Proclamation, 1914.

By Command of His Excellency the High Commissioner.

C. H. RODWELL,
Imperial Secretary.

Pretoria, 17th December, 1914.

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REGULATIONS FRAMED UNDER THE BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT PROCLAMATION, 1914, FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THAT PROCLAMATION.

Sections twenty-one, thirty-two, *and* sixty-one.

EXAMINATION OF IMPORTED GOODS.

1. Every importer or agent shall whenever required by the proper officer of Customs convey without delay any packages selected for examination to the approved place for such examination, and shall cause the same to be opened and ready for examination within three days of the arrival of the goods at the place of examination. He shall, as soon as the goods are released by the proper officer of Customs, repack and remove them within one day after the examination. Failing compliance with the above instructions he shall pay rent in respect of such goods at a rate to be approved by the Director from the date of deposit in the place of examination.

Sections thirty-four *and* sixty-one.

PASSENGERS AND THEIR BAGGAGE.

2. Passengers shall not remove or cause to be removed any baggage or anything whatever until the same has been duty paid and released by the proper officer of Customs, and agents, including any officer of the railways, shall not deliver any baggage or articles left with or handed to them for delivery until the proper examination has been made, the correct duties paid, and the goods released by the proper officer of Customs

3. Passengers shall declare unreservedly to the proper officer of Customs what goods they have in their possession, taking particular care to mention any articles(such as the following: Cigarettes, spirits, fire-arms. Passengers shall also produce and deliver up any goods the importation of which is prohibited.

4. This declaration may either be made to the proper officer of Customs or on a statement for Customs purposes handed to the agents clearing their goods through the Customs. Where the agent, including any servant of the railways, takes charge of the goods for clearance and delivery the declaration shall be made on the statement which the agent shall hand to the proper officer of Customs.

5. Articles of merchandise intended for sale shall be specially declared as such, and shall be cleared on the approved form of bill of entry.

Sections twenty *and* sixty-one.

PARTICULARS ON ENTRIES.

6. The person entering any goods on any entry for the payment of duty shall arrange the particulars of the goods on the entry in the following order, as far as may be possible:—

(1) British goods,
(2) British Possession goods,
(3) Foreign goods,

and in each of these divisions the order of insertion shall be according to the tariff class the goods fall under—

Class I goods.
„ II „
„ III „
„ IV „
„ V „
„ VI „

All entries with their duplicates shall be made out in a legible manner. Failing compliance with this regulation the duty may be refused acceptance.

7. The person entering any goods shall, on the form approved by these regulations, give all the particulars specified therein, and shall give the fullest information as to the description, quantities, and values of the goods he may be entering when such information is necessary for the compilation of reliable statistical returns of the trade of the territory.

8. In cases of unintentional omission or accidental errors, vouchers for official correction of a bill of entry for payment of duty may be allowed to be passed by the importer; provided that such full and satisfactory explanation shall be made to the officer in charge of the port of entry as may, in his judgment, justify such relief. Relief, however, in such cases is to be regarded as exceptional, and not to be so extended as to infringe the strictest security of Customs revenue.

Sections twenty-six *and* sixty-one.

DECLARATION OF VALUE.

9. The value of goods for Customs duty purposes shall be ascertained by a declaration at the foot of the appropriate bill of entry in the manner and form as follows:—

I, the undersigned.....................................
for importer, do hereby declare that the above is a true description and complete return of all goods contained in the abovementioned packages and of the value of such goods, and that values are the true current values of same as defined by law, including the cost of packing and packages and the cost of the carriage thereon to the port of shipment.

Sections fifteen, twenty, *and* sixty-one.

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10. The person entering goods at importation shall produce, if required by the proper officer of Customs, any document relating to the goods, and the invoice shall contain a statement in a prominent place made by the suppliers, showing clearly the current value for home consumption in the open market for similar goods at the place of purchase bought in the ordinary manner from the manufacturer or supplier in normal quantities. The invoice and any covering statement shall also clearly show cost of packing and packages.

11. The proper officer of Customs shall, if any person entering any goods on behalf of an importer is unable to give all necessary information relating to the goods, refuse to accept or proceed to the examination of the entry or invoices or goods until the importer has sent some person able to give such information.

Section sixty-one.

FORMS, BILLS, AND DOCUMENTS TO BE USED.

12. Any person doing business with the Customs in connection with the importation, entry, removal, conveyance of goods imported into or passing through the territory shall provide at his own expense all forms mentioned in the Schedule to these regulations, and such other forms as may be at any time prescribed.