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Colony and Protectorate of Kenya.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 81.

THE CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, 1926.

ORDER.

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by section 111 of the Customs Management Ordinance, 1926, His Excellency the Acting Governor has been pleased to prohibit, as from Tuesday the 12th February, 1929, all exportation from the Colony of maize, maize products, wheat, wheat products, potatoes and pulse, except under a licence from the Director of Agriculture.

By Command of His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Nairobi,

This 5th day of February, 1929.

J. E. S. MERRICK,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GENERAL NOTICE No. 161.

ISSUE OF LICENCES UNDER GOVERNMENT
NOTICE No. 81.

Applications for licences, as required under the above Government Notice, should be made to the Director of Agriculture, P.O. Box No. 323, Nairobi.

2. It is hoped that it may not be found necessary to place any restriction upon the normal export to neighbouring territories of the produce specified, nor in respect of export oversea in cases where contracts for delivery have been entered into prior to the publication of the above Government Notice.

3. In the case of export to neighbouring territories applicants are required to furnish documentary evidence or a sworn statement showing the deliveries which they make normally in connection with contracts or regular supplies, and they should state the quantity for which the licence is sought, the period of its operation, sender's station or place of despatch; also the name and address of the consignee.

4. In the case of the export oversea of the produce specified, similar particulars must be furnished on or before 12th February, 1929, giving the date upon which the contract was entered into, the total quantity referred to under the contract, and the quantity, if any, already delivered in part fulfilment of the contract; the date of delivery under the contract; the name and address of the Shipping Agents, together with the name of the ship on which cargo space has been booked and its approximate date of sailing.

5th day of February, 1929.

ALEX. HOLM,
Director of Agriculture.
(Licencing Authority).

GENERAL NOTICE No. 162.

FOOD CONTROL AND FAMINE RELIEF.

NOTICE.

In view of the threatening position due to the present locust invasion and resultant destruction of crops His Excellency the Acting Governor has recently appointed a Sub-Committee of Executive Council to confer with representatives of commercial and producing interests.

As a result of this conference, which was attended by representatives of the Convention of Associations, the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce, the Mombasa Chamber of Commerce, the Kenya Farmers' Association, the Coffee Planters' Union, and Messrs. Dalgety and Co., the conference has recommended to Government that—

- (a) an Order should be issued under section 111 of the Customs Management Ordinance, 1926, prohibiting the exportation of certain foodstuffs except under licence; and
- (b) emergency legislation should be introduced at an early date governing the food situation.

Government has accepted these recommendations and His Excellency the Acting Governor has accordingly been pleased to issue an Order (*vide* Government Notice No. 81) prohibiting, as from Tuesday the 12th instant, all exportation of maize, maize products, wheat, wheat products, potatoes and pulse, except under a licence from the Director of Agriculture.

In regard to recommendation (b) above, the necessary draft legislation is now being prepared and will be introduced in Legislative Council at an early date. This draft legislation will provide for the establishment of a Board consisting of official and unofficial members. It is proposed that, generally speaking, the powers of the Board should be—

- (1) to demand returns from all holders of foodstuffs suitable for human food;
- (2) to acquire by purchase, at such prices as may be determined by the Board, such quantities of foodstuffs as may from time to time be required for famine relief, and to require delivery of such foodstuffs at such centres as may be named by the Board;
- (3) to fix maximum prices at which foodstuffs may be sold, either wholesale or retail;

(NOTE.—It is anticipated that in fixing prices under (2) and (3) the export price ruling in London on the date of the publication of the Order mentioned above for deliveries up to and including April next would be taken as a basis).

- (4) to arrange for the distribution of foodstuffs in areas where relief is required;
- (5) to requisition transport;
- (6) to licence dealers in foodstuffs.

Nairobi,

The 5th day of February, 1929.

J. E. S. MERRICK,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

PROCLAMATION No. 33.

COLONY AND PROTECTORATE OF KENYA.



THE NATIVE FOODSTUFFS ORDINANCE.
(Chapter 135 of the Revised Edition.)

PROCLAMATION.

J. E. S. MERRICK,
Acting Governor's Deputy.

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By His Excellency Sir Jacob William Barth,
Knight, Commander of the Most Excellent
Order of the British Empire, Acting Governor
and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony and
Protectorate of Kenya in Executive Council.

WHEREAS by section 3 of the Native Foodstuffs Ordinance (Chapter 135 of the Revised Edition); it is provided that where it has been made to appear to the Governor in Council that any district or area is suffering from or threatened with a shortage of native foodstuffs, he may issue a proclamation (a) prohibiting the purchase or barter of such foodstuffs generally or of any class or classes of the same, for the purpose of resale in or export from the district or area in such proclamation specified, unless the written permission of the Resident Commissioner or District Commissioner, as the case may be, be first obtained; (b) prohibiting the export of such foodstuffs generally or of any class or classes of the same from any district or area; (c) prohibiting the use of such foodstuffs or of any class or classes of the same for the manufacture of liquor in any district or area; (d) prohibiting the concealment or destruction of such foodstuffs or any class or classes of the same in any district or area :

AND WHEREAS it has been made to appear to me that the Machakos, Kitui, Teita, Baringo, Elgeyo, Marakwet, West Suk, Turkana, Lamu, Tana River, Digo and Kilifi Districts are threatened with shortage of native foodstuffs :

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE of the powers vested in me as aforesaid, I do hereby in Executive Council prohibit—

- (a) the purchase or barter of maize, beans, mtama, mwele potatoes, yams, sweet potatoes, bananas and all other fruits, roots and grain commonly used as food by natives for the purpose of resale in or export from the Machakos, Kitui, Teita, Baringo, Elgeyo, Marakwet, West Suk, Turkana, Lamu, Tana River, Digo and Kilifi Districts unless the written permission of the respective District Commissioners of the said districts be first obtained;

- (b) the export of any such foodstuffs from the said districts;
- (c) the use of any such foodstuffs for the manufacture of liquor in the said districts;
- (d) the concealment or destruction of any such foodstuffs in the said districts.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Nairobi, this fifth day of February, 1929.

By Command of His Excellency the Acting Governor in Council.

JUXON BARTON,
Clerk to the Executive Council.