

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 1.—1916.

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S. W. KNAGGS,  
*Acting Governor.*

13th March, 1916.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Customs (War Powers)  
Ordinance, 1915.

[13th March, 1916.]

**B**E it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Customs (War Short Title. Powers) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1916, and shall be read as one with the Customs Ordinance (No. 178) and the Customs (War Powers) Ordinance, 1915.

2.—(1.) The power of the Governor under Section 92 Power to prohibit exportation. of the Customs Ordinance (No. 178) by proclamation to prohibit the exportation of articles to any country or place named in the proclamation, shall, during the continuance of the present war, include the power to prohibit the exportation of all articles of every description to any such

country or place and to prohibit the exportation of any article to any such country or place unless consigned to such person or persons as may be authorised by or under the proclamation to receive such article.

(2.) If any article to which any such proclamation applies is delivered to any consignee other than an authorised consignee, the vessel in which it was exported shall for the purposes of the Customs Ordinance (No. 178) be deemed to have been used in the conveyance of prohibited goods.

Penalty on  
exportation  
of prohibited  
goods.

3. The penalty to which the exporter or his agent or the shipper of any goods exported in contravention of any proclamation is liable under Section 92 of the Customs Ordinance (No. 178), as amended by any subsequent enactment, including this Ordinance, shall during the continuance of the present war, be increased from £100 to £500: Provided that the Court may if it thinks fit, in lieu of ordering the offender to pay such penalty, order that he be imprisoned with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding two years.

Amendment  
of Section 7 of  
Ordinance 17  
of 1915.

4. Section 7 of the Customs (War Powers) Ordinance, 1915, is amended by striking out Sub-section (1) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

(1.) Where in pursuance of any proclamation issued by the Governor under Section 112 of the Customs Ordinance (No. 178) a person, in the course of making entry before shipment, makes a declaration as to the person or country for whom any goods are ultimately destined, then, unless security has been given by bond, the exporter shall, if and when required by the Collector of Customs, produce evidence to his satisfaction that these goods have not reached a person who is an enemy or treated as an enemy, or a country which is an enemy country or treated as an enemy country, under any law for the time being in force relating to trading with the enemy; and if he fails to do so he shall be liable to a penalty of treble the value of the goods, or £100, at the election of the

Collector of Customs, unless he proves that the goods reached the person or country without his consent or connivance, and that he took all reasonable steps to secure that the ultimate destination of the goods should be the person or country mentioned in the declaration.

5. The power under Section 8 of the Customs (War Powers) Ordinance, 1915, to seize imported goods suspected to be of enemy origin shall be extended so as to apply to any goods which the Collector of Customs has reason to suspect are being imported in contravention of the law relating to trading with the enemy. Extension of Section 8 of Ordinance 17 of 1915.

Passed in Council this Third day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

J. M. FARFAN,  
*Acting Clerk of the Council.*