

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

*Importation of Food.*

No. 18.—1906.

*23rd July.*

AN ORDINANCE relating to the importation of Food.

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HUGH CLIFFORD,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

*2nd August, 1906.*

**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 Importation of Short title. Food Ordinance, 1906.

2. In this Ordinance the term "food" means every Interpreta-  
tion. article intended for the food or drink of man, and includes food imported in tins, cans or other coverings and whether fresh or preserved.

3. On the importation of any food into this Colony it shall be lawful for the Collector of Customs Power to  
detain,  
examine and  
destroy food.

- (a.) to detain the same for purposes of examination ;
- (b.) To cause a sufficient number of samples to be examined by chemical analysis or otherwise ;
- (c.) To destroy or cause to be destroyed, or on application from the importer or consignee to allow to be re-exported to the place of shipment, any

food which upon analytical or other examination is found to be unsound, deleterious or injurious to health. Provided that the power of destruction shall not be exercised except on the authority of the Governor in Executive Council after due notice to the importer or his agent.

No compensa-  
tion payable. 4. No compensation shall be payable to any person in respect of any food destroyed under the provisions of the last preceding section, nor shall the Collector of Customs or any person acting under his authority be liable to any action at law in respect of such destruction.

Value of  
samples taken. 5. The importer or consignee of any food shall not be entitled to claim the value of any samples which may be rendered unfit for sale or use in consequence of being taken for examination under this Ordinance.

Regulations. 6. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council from time to time to make alter or revoke regulations, to be published in the *Royal Gazette*, for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance. Such regulations may prescribe penalties for the breaches thereof not exceeding in any case the sum of ten pounds.

Such regulations may amongst other things provide for the marking or labelling of packages and for the production on importation of certificates of inspection by specified persons at the place of origin.

When Ordi-  
nance in force. 7. This Ordinance shall be in force only during such times as the Governor in Executive Council may from time to time prescribe by proclamation to be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Evidence. 8. Production of a copy of the *Royal Gazette* containing a copy of any regulations or proclamation purporting to be made or issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be *prima facie* evidence in any Court in the Colony of the making and tenor of such regulations or proclamation.

Passed in Council this Twenty-third day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six.

ALFRED TAITT,  
*Acting Clerk of the Council.*