

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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S. M. GRIER,  
*Acting Governor.*

15th June, 1934.

## AN ORDINANCE to regulate the Importation of Textiles

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

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Importation of Textiles (Quotas) Ordinance, 1934.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires :

“ Quota ” means the quantity of textile goods or of any class or classes of textile goods manufactured in any individual foreign country which may be imported during any period in accordance with a proclamation made by the Governor under section 3 of this Ordinance ;

“ Quota period ” means any period in respect of which any quota has been fixed by the Governor under the said section ;

“ Foreign country ” means any country or territory not being a part of the British Empire ;

“ Regulated textiles ” means any textile goods, and any class or classes of textile goods manufactured in a foreign country, in respect of which any quota has been fixed by the Governor under section 3 of this Ordinance ;

“ The Collector ” means the Collector of Customs and Excise.

**3.**—(1) The Governor may fix by proclamation the total quantity of textile goods or of any class or classes of textile goods manufactured in any foreign country which may be imported during any period. Fixing of quotas.

(2) The quota period specified in any proclamation made in accordance with sub-section (1) of this section may commence prior to the coming into operation of this Ordinance ; and any imports of regulated textiles between the commencement of the period and the coming into operation of this Ordinance may be taken into account for the purposes of section 5 of this Ordinance.

Provided that no importation made prior to the coming into operation of this Ordinance shall constitute an offence under section 7 of this Ordinance.

**4.** No person shall import any regulated textiles unless he shall at the time of importation submit to the Collector in the prescribed form a return of the quantity, class, and origin of the goods imported, and a declaration of origin. Returns and declarations of origin.

Provided that, during a period of three months, or such further period as the Collector may allow, after the coming into operation of this Ordinance, imports of regulated textiles may, at the discretion of the Collector, and subject to such conditions as he may impose either generally or in any particular case as to the subsequent submission of evidence of origin, be admitted without the submission of such a declaration of origin.

Records of  
imports and  
publication  
thereof.

5.—(1) The imports of regulated textiles manufactured in any foreign country shall be separately recorded by the Collector.

(2) Any person may at any time, on payment of the prescribed fee, require the Collector to furnish a statement of the total quantity already imported of any regulated textiles manufactured in any individual foreign country during any quota period, and the Collector shall furnish such statement accordingly.

(3) When the imports of any regulated textiles manufactured in any foreign country during any quota period attain the quota prescribed in respect of such textiles for such country in that period, the Governor shall issue a notice to that effect in the *Royal Gazette*; and such notice shall specify the foreign country, the regulated textiles and the quota period to which it refers.

Prohibition of  
imports in  
excess of  
quota.

6. Upon the issue of a notice under sub-section (3) of the preceding section, further imports of the regulated textiles concerned manufactured in the country specified therein shall be prohibited until the end of the quota period. Provided that, notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance, the Governor may, if he thinks fit, by proclamation, direct that regulated textiles in excess of the several quotas therein fixed may be imported on payment of such duties (in addition to those prescribed by the Customs Duties Ordinance, Chapter 195, or any other Ordinance, or by any resolution of the Legislative Council passed in accordance with the provisions of any such Ordinance) as may be specified in the proclamation, and accordingly this Ordinance shall have effect subject to such direction. Provided further that during the first quota period the Collector may permit the importation of so much of such regulated textiles as were proved to his satisfaction to have been ordered prior to the 7th day of May, 1934, as the Governor in Executive Council may, in his absolute discretion, authorise the Collector so to do, notwithstanding that such regulated textiles shall be in excess of the quota allotted for the first quota period.

7.—(1) If any regulated textiles are imported contrary to the provisions of section 4 or section 6 of this Ordinance, the same shall be forfeited to His Majesty. Provided that it shall be lawful for the Collector in his absolute discretion to permit the importer of any such goods to re-export the same from the Colony within such period as the Collector shall allow. Forfeiture of goods unlawfully imported.

(2) Any person who shall knowingly import any regulated textiles contrary to the provisions of section 4 or section 6, or who shall fail to comply with any conditions imposed by the Collector under the proviso to section 4 of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall incur a fine of either treble the value of the goods, including the duty payable thereon, or of £100 at the election of the Collector. Penalty for unlawful importation.

8. The Governor in Executive Council may make regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Ordinance. Regulations.

9. This Ordinance shall be construed as one with the Customs Ordinance, and all rights, duties, powers and privileges conferred thereunder upon the Collector and any officer of Customs in relation to the importation, examination, entry and forfeiture of goods, and all other powers and provisions whatsoever contained in the said Ordinance shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the importation, examination, entry and forfeiture of regulated textiles. Construction with and application of Cap. 194.

Passed in Council this fifteenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

J. O'CONNOR,  
*Clerk of the Council.*