

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 1—1932.

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A. C. HOLLIS,
Governor.

26th February, 1932.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the manufacture of Deodorised Edible Oil, Lard Substitute and Laundry Soap, and other products obtained from the kernel of the coconut.

[27th February, 1932.]

BE 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 Copra Products Short title.
(Control) Ordinance, 1932.

2. In this Ordinance:—

“Collector” means the Collector of Customs and Interpretation.
Excise, and includes any officer of Customs and Excise, or other person deputed by the Collector for the purpose of carrying out any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

[Price 3d.]

“Copra Products” means deodorized edible oil, lard substitute and laundry soap as hereinafter defined, and such other products as the Governor by proclamation shall include under such designation, which products shall be obtained by process of manufacture wholly or in part from the kernel of the coconut.

“Deodorized Edible Oil” means any edible oil manufactured in the Colony from copra and which, during the process of manufacture, has been subjected to any treatment for removing the characteristic odour and flavour of the crude oil.

“Lard Substitute” means any edible fat manufactured in the Colony from copra in imitation of lard.

“Laundry Soap” means any hot process fitted laundry soap manufactured in the Colony from copra, and any other variety of soap which the Governor may from time to time declare by proclamation to be a laundry soap.

“Manufacturer” means and includes any person superintending or directing the manufacture of copra products in connection with any one manufactory, duly licensed under this Ordinance.

Power to apply Ordinance to other products.

3. The Governor may by proclamation published in the *Royal Gazette* include under the description of “Copra Products” for the purposes of this Ordinance, any other product derived or manufactured wholly or in part from copra or the kernel of the coconut.

Licence to manufacture copra products.

4. Every person who intends to become a manufacturer of copra products under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall apply to the Governor for a licence, and it shall be lawful for the Governor to refuse to grant any such licence, without assigning any reason for such refusal, or to issue any licence subject to such conditions as he may impose.

Expiration and renewal of licences.

5.—(1) Every licence under this Ordinance shall expire at the end of the calendar year in which it is issued. An

application for the renewal of a licence shall be considered as an application for a new licence and dealt with in accordance with the last preceding section.

(2) A duty of one pound shall be paid for every licence and for each renewal thereof. Licence duty.

6. From and after the commencement of this Ordinance there shall be raised and paid, to the Treasurer for the use of the Colony, at such times and in such manner as the Governor shall direct by notice published in the *Royal Gazette*, duties at the following rates :— Duties on locally manufactured oil, lard, and soap

(a) Upon every gallon of deodorized edible oil manufactured in the Colony and delivered for consumption in the Colony, the sum of five pence ;

(b) Upon every one hundred pounds weight of lard substitute manufactured in the Colony and delivered for consumption in the Colony, the sum of one shilling and nine pence ;

(c) Upon every one hundred pounds weight of laundry soap manufactured in the Colony and delivered for consumption in the Colony the sum of ten pence

and proportionately for any greater or less quantity.

7.—(1) The Governor may by notice published in the *Royal Gazette* prescribe standards of quality, and fix maximum wholesale and retail prices for any copra products manufactured under the provisions of this Ordinance and intended to be sold for consumption in the Colony. Governor may fix standards of quality and prices of Copra products.

(2) Any person who sells or exposes for sale any copra product which is below the prescribed standard of quality, or who sells any copra product at a higher price than that fixed by notice hereunder, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction by a magistrate to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Pounds, and to the forfeiture of all copra products which have been found to be below the prescribed standard of quality. Penalty for selling below standard or above price fixed.

Price to be paid by manufacturer for copra,

8.—(1) The manufacturer shall pay for all copra delivered to him not less than such price as the Governor, in his absolute discretion, may from time to time fix (having regard to the current local market price and other conditions prevailing in Port-of-Spain) which price shall be published weekly in the *Royal Gazette*, and become effective from the day following the date of publication. Provided that if in any week the price be not published, then the last published price shall continue to be the price fixed.

and for crude coconut oil.

(2) The manufacturer shall pay an equivalent sum for all crude coconut oil purchased by him, and for the purpose of computing the purchase price, one hundred pounds weight of copra shall be deemed to be equal to six and two-thirds gallons of crude coconut oil.

Governor may suspend operation of this section.

(3) It shall be lawful for the Governor by notice published in the *Royal Gazette* to suspend the operation of this section if he is satisfied that supplies are being withheld from the manufacturer with a view to securing a price higher than would be secured were supplies of copra to be freely offered to the manufacturer.

Deposit by manufacturer on copra or crude coconut oil purchased.

9.—(1) When the price fixed under section 8 shall be at a lower rate than twelve shillings and sixpence per one hundred pounds weight, the manufacturer shall deposit with the Collector a sum representing the difference between the said rate of twelve shillings and sixpence and the said price so fixed, in respect of each one hundred pounds of copra purchased by the manufacturer.

(2) In the case of the purchase of crude coconut oil, the manufacturer shall make a like deposit based upon the formula set out in section 8 (2) hereof.

Sums deposited to go to fund for distribution among producers.

10.—(1) All such sums paid to the Collector as aforesaid shall be paid to the credit of a special fund and shall from time to time be distributed proportionately among all producers of copra who submit claims within the time and in the manner specified by the Collector by notice in the *Royal Gazette*, subject to such deduction as the Collector may consider necessary for and incidental to the management of such fund.

(2) For the purposes of this section "producers of copra" shall mean the persons who shall in the first

instance have converted into copra the kernel of the dry coconut, whether such coconut shall have been actually grown or acquired by such persons.

11. Within ten days from the last day of each quarter of the year, each licensed manufacturer shall furnish the Collector with a return under the hand of a director or other responsible officer in the employ of the manufacturer, containing the following particulars, viz. :—

Quarterly
return by
manufacturers.

- (a) The quantities of all copra purchased during such quarter ;
- (b) The persons from whom the said copra has been purchased ;
- (c) The several dates on which the said copra has been purchased ;
- (d) The amount due to the Collector under section 9 hereof ;
- (e) The total quantities of each of the different copra products manufactured ;
- (f) The quantities exported ;
- (g) The quantities delivered for consumption in the Colony ;
- (h) The quantities remaining on hand, and
- (i) Such other particulars as the Collector may by written notice require to be furnished.

12. The Collector shall from time to time have power to inspect and take extracts from or copies of all books of account, invoices, receipts, vouchers and other documents and papers containing material particulars of all matters touching this Ordinance, and which may be necessary for the manufacturer, and to enter at all reasonable hours and inspect the premises of the manufacturer.

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13. Any person who engages in the manufacture of copra products without having in force a licence for the purpose, as required by this Ordinance, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction by a magistrate to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, and all machinery, implements, utensils, materials, and any copra products found upon the premises where such manufacture has been carried on shall be forfeited.

Penalty
for manufac-
turing without
licence

Penalty for
contravention
of conditions
of licence or
provisions
of this
Ordinance.

14. Any manufacturer who contravenes the conditions under which any licence is issued under this Ordinance, or any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction by a magistrate to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, and it shall be lawful for the Governor to suspend or revoke the licence of any such manufacturer.

Discharge of
obligation by
manufacturer.

15. The discharge by one of several manufacturers connected with one manufactory of any one obligation imposed on a manufacturer by this Ordinance, shall relieve the others of that particular obligation in respect of that manufactory.

Penalty for
making false
or incorrect
statement.

16. Any person who knowingly makes a false or incorrect statement for any of the purposes of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction by a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds. Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent a prosecution under any other Ordinance or law, but so that a person shall not be punished twice for the same offence.

Commence-
ment.

17. This Ordinance shall commence on the 27th day of February, 1932.

Passed in Council this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

J. W. DAY,
Clerk of the Council.