

SUPPLIES CONTROL ACT

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CHAPTER 314

AN ACT to provide for the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community and for regulating the import and export of such supplies, the prices at which such supplies may be sold, and for purposes connected therewith

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1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title

SUPPLIES CONTROL ACT.

2. There shall be appointed a fit and proper person to be Controller of Supplies for the purposes of all or any of the regulations made in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Appointment
of Controller
of Supplies

3. The Minister of Finance may make regulations—

Power of
Minister
of Finance
to make
regulations

- (a) for regulating or prohibiting the production, treatment, keeping, storage, movement, transport, distribution, exportation, importation, sale, purchase, use or consumption of articles or goods of any description and, in particular, for controlling the prices at which such articles may be sold;
- (b) for regulating the carrying on of any undertaking engaged in essential work and, in particular, for controlling the charges which may be made by the undertakers in respect of the doing of any work by them;
- (c) for requiring persons carrying on, or employed in connection with, any trade or business specified in any Order made pursuant to any regulations, to produce to such person as may be so specified, any books, accounts or other documents relating to that trade or business, and for requiring any such persons to furnish such estimates or returns to such person as may be specified in the Order;

- (d) for any incidental and supplementary matters necessary or expedient for the purposes of the regulations including the entering and inspection of premises for the purpose of securing compliance with the regulations or Orders made thereunder;
- (e) for prohibiting the doing of anything regulated in accordance with this Act except under the authority of a licence granted by the Controller of Supplies;
- (f) for fixing penalties subject to the next succeeding section for the contravention of any regulation.

4. Whosoever contravenes any regulation made under section 3 or any Order or rule made under such a regulation, or any direction given or requirement imposed thereunder, shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for twelve months and to a fine of not less than three thousand dollars and not more than ten thousand dollars.

Power to
impose
charges

5. (1) The Minister of Finance may, by Order, provide for—

- (a) imposing and recovering in connection with any scheme of control contained in or authorized by the regulations, such charges as may be specified in the Order;
- (b) charging, in respect of the grant or issue of any licence, permit, certificate or other document provided for in the regulations, such fee as may be specified in the Order;
- (c) imposing and recovering such charges as may be so prescribed in respect of any service which, in pursuance of the regulations, is provided on behalf of Her Majesty or the Government or under arrangements made on behalf of Her Majesty or the Government other than service necessary for performance of duty imposed by law upon the Crown or the Government.

(2) All sums received by way of such fees or charges as aforesaid shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund or, if the Minister so directs, into such public fund or account as he may determine.

Proof of
instruments

6. Every document purporting to be an instrument made or issued by any authority or person in pursuance of any

provision contained in, or having effect under, regulations made by virtue of this Act, and to be signed by or on behalf of the said authority or person, shall be received in evidence and shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be an instrument made or issued by that authority or person; and *prima facie* evidence of any such instrument as aforesaid may, in any legal proceedings (including arbitrations), be given by production of a document purporting to be certified to be a true copy of an instrument made by, or on behalf of, the authority or person having power to make or issue the instrument.