

(2.) Deducts by way of tare more than is allowed by this Law, or more than the actual weight of the articles aforesaid.

Purchaser may weigh sack, etc., and deduct true weight.

3. Nothing in this Law contained shall prevent any purchaser or intending purchaser (if he shall desire to do so) from:—

(1.) Weighing or causing to be weighed, in presence of the vendor or of his representative, the sack or other article in which the carobs are contained, the covering of the mouth of the sack and every part of the apparatus used in weighing the carobs which is weighed therewith; provided that he truly declared the weight of the articles aforesaid;

(2.) Deducting such true weight by way of tare from the gross weight at the time of weighing carobs.

Short title.

4. This Law may be cited as the Carob Tare Law, 1891.

8 OF 1914.

TO REGULATE THE WEIGHING OF CAROBS AT DULY AUTHORIZED SHIPPING PLACES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SUCH PLACES.

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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Carob Weighing and Shipping Place Improvement Law, 1914.

Definitions.

2. In this Law:—

“Carob shipping place” means a place declared to be a carob shipping place for the purposes of this Law. Provided that if more than one place is declared a carob shipping place for the purposes of this Law, each such place shall be treated as a separate carob shipping place for all the purposes of this Law.

“Authorized weigher” means a person appointed to act as a weigher for the purposes of this Law.

“The Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the District within which the carob shipping place is situate.

Carob shipping place, how declared.

3. The High Commissioner may by Order in Council declare any place not being within a municipal area to be a carob shipping place for the purposes of this Law and may define the limits thereof.

Weighing of carobs exported from the carob shipping place.

4.—(1.) All carobs exported from the carob shipping place shall be weighed by authorized weighers and a weighing fee not exceeding 2 c.p. for each cantar or its equivalent shall be charged on all carobs so weighed.

(2.) Where any carobs which have been so weighed are again weighed for revenue purposes by any Officer of Customs, no charge shall be made for such further weighing.

5.—(1.) All carobs brought within the limits of the carob shipping place shall be weighed by an authorized weigher within twenty-four hours of their being so brought in. It shall be the duty of the person by whom the carobs are brought in or of the person to whom they are brought to give notice or to cause notice to be given to an authorized weigher as soon as possible after they are so brought in, and to afford such weigher every facility for enabling the weighing to take place.

Carobs brought into carob shipping place to be weighed. See 33/35

(2.) Provided that if the person by whom the carobs were brought in or the person to whom they were brought shall exercise due diligence in endeavouring to procure the services of an authorized weigher and shall be unable to do so within one hour after the carobs have been brought into the authorized shipping place, he may himself weigh such carobs. The burden of proof shall be upon a person pleading the provisions of this sub-section as a defence.

(3.) Any person contravening any of the above provisions shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound.

(4.) No fee shall be taken in respect of such weighing, but carobs which have been so weighed shall nevertheless be liable to be weighed upon exportation under this Law, and upon such last named weighing a fee shall be charged at a rate not exceeding that authorized by this Law.

6.—(1.) The weighing fee shall be levied by the proper Officer of Customs at the same time as the tithe on the carobs in respect of which the fee is charged is levied from the exporter, and shall be paid into the office of the Commissioner, by whom it shall be carried to a separate account to be called "The ——— Improvement Fund" (inserting the name of the shipping place).

Application of weighing fees. See 33/35

(2.) The said Fund shall be expended under the supervision and in accordance with the decisions of a Committee to be constituted as hereinafter provided

7. The said Fund may be expended for the following purposes:—

Objects upon which Improvement Fund may be expended.

- (1.) For defraying the cost of weighing;
- (2.) For providing and maintaining a water supply for the shipping place;
- (3.) For making, widening, improving, repairing and paving streets and roads within and leading to the shipping place;

(4.) For lighting, draining, scavenging, sanitation and generally for the conservancy of the shipping place;

(5.) For any other purpose decided by the Committee and approved by the High Commissioner tending to the benefit of the shipping place or of the carob industry.

Constitution
of Com-
mittee.

8.—(1.) For the purposes of this Law there shall be appointed a Committee of six persons:—

The Commissioner (or in his absence some public officer to be appointed by him in writing for that purpose);

The Principal Officer of Customs of the District (or in his absence an Officer of the Customs to be appointed by him in writing for that purpose);

Four persons appointed by the High Commissioner, two of such members being appointed from amongst the principal carob merchants of the District, and two from amongst the principal growers of carobs in the District.

(2.) The Commissioner (or his representative, as aforesaid) shall preside at all meetings and shall on an equality of votes have a casting vote.

(3.) The Committee shall hold office for three years, at the expiration of which period members will be eligible for re-appointment.

(4.) The High Commissioner may appoint persons to fill casual vacancies, and persons so appointed shall hold office until the appointment of the next Committee.

(5.) Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings without cause shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner shall be deemed to have vacated his membership.

(6.) The Presiding Officer and any two members shall form a quorum.

Powers of
Committee.

9. The Committee shall have power:—

(a.) To prescribe rules for the conduct and payment of the weighers;

(b.) To prescribe the weighing fees to be taken, which shall, in no case, exceed the maximum prescribed by this Law;

(c.) To determine the manner in which the moneys collected under this Law shall be expended upon the purposes authorized by this Law.

Keeping and
audit of
accounts.

10.—(1.) The Commissioner shall keep proper accounts of the said fund, and such accounts shall be at all reasonable times open to inspection by any person interested.

(2.) The accounts shall be annually audited by an auditor to be appointed by the High Commissioner, and the report of the auditor shall be laid annually before the Committee, and a summary of the accounts shall be published annually in the *Cyprus Gazette*. The cost of such audit may be defrayed from the said Fund.

11. The Committee appointed under this Law shall have power to borrow moneys from the Board of Commissioners created by the Public Loans Law, 1897, for works of public utility, and the Board is hereby authorized to make advances to the Committee, subject to the same conditions and regulations as apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to other public bodies.

Borrowing
powers.

12. Whenever any carobs are ready for export it shall be the duty of the exporter or his agent to inform an Officer of Customs at the carob shipping place that they are ready to be weighed and to afford the weigher every facility for weighing them; and any exporter who either personally or through his agent wilfully makes default in giving such information or affording such facility shall be liable to a fine not exceeding three pounds, and, if he has not already done so, shall pay the weighing fees due by him.

Penalty.

13. (1.) The Committee shall appoint a sufficient number of competent persons to act as authorized weighers and provide for their payment.

Appoint-
ment and
duties of
weighers.

(2.) Every authorized weigher shall record the weight of all carobs weighed by him in foil and counterfoil, and shall detach and hand to the person exporting, bringing in or receiving the carobs (or to his agent) a note of their weight.

(3.) Any authorized weigher who intentionally weighs incorrectly or makes or records a false statement of the weight ascertained by him in the discharge of his duty as weigher shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

CARRIAGES, *see* VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.
