

order that a portion of the fine inflicted, not exceeding one-half, shall be paid to any witness or to any person who has given information of the commission of the offence.

7. When this Law has been applied to a village for a continuous period of three years the High Commissioner may, upon the petition of the inhabitants, order that it shall cease to be applied to that village.

Order that the Law shall cease to apply.

8. The District Commissioner may destroy any winter cereals which have been planted in contravention of this Law, and the costs incurred in such destruction shall in the first instance be paid from the Agricultural Fund and may be recovered by the Commissioner by civil process from the person who has planted the cereals.

Destruction of cereals planted in contravention of Law.

9. This Law may be cited as the Sirividhi Law, 1897.

Short title.

21 OF 1922.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL FERTILIZERS AGAINST ADULTERATION.

MALCOLM STEVENSON.]

[April 29, 1922.]

1. This Law may be cited as the Agricultural Fertilizers Law, 1922.

Short title.

2. In this Law :—

“ Fertilizer ” means any substance which has been subjected to any artificial process and which is imported into or produced in Cyprus for use as a fertilizer of the soil, whether mixed with any other substance or not.

Interpretation.

“ Sack ” means a sack or other receptacle capable of being sealed used for containing any fertilizer.

“ Analyst ” means the Government Analyst or any person appointed by the High Commissioner to act as analyst under the Director of Agriculture for the purposes of this Law.

“ Sampler ” means any person appointed by the High Commissioner to act as sampler for the purposes of this Law.

3. No person shall sell or expose for sale any fertilizer save in sacks clearly and legibly bearing upon them such marks and sealed with such seal and in such manner as the High Commissioner in Council may by regulation prescribe.

Sale of fertilizer.

Provided that in the case of the sale of any fertilizer wholesale, the Director of Agriculture may by writing under his hand and subject to such conditions as he may prescribe permit such sale notwithstanding that the fertilizer is not contained in sacks and is not sealed as aforesaid.

Analysis

4. The analyst or a sampler may take a sample from any fertilizer for analysis. The analyst or sampler may seal up or otherwise secure the whole or a part of the fertilizer from which the sample is taken pending the completion of the analysis of the sample, and the owner or person in possession of such fertilizer shall retain the same so sealed up or otherwise secured by the analyst or sampler and shall not tamper with the fertilizer or any seal thereon.

Provided that the analysis shall be completed within twenty days from the taking of the sample; and if the analysis be not completed within twenty days as aforesaid, the owner or person in possession may sell or otherwise dispose of the fertilizer from which the sample was taken.

Penalty for tampering with sack or contents.

5. Any person tampering with any sack containing fertilizer or with any mark placed upon any sack or with any seal with which a sack is sealed or in any way mixing or altering any fertilizer in any sack shall be liable to imprisonment for the period of six months or to a fine of one hundred pounds or both such punishments, and any sacks or fertilizer contained therein in respect to which the offence shall be committed shall be liable to be confiscated.

Purchaser may obtain analysis by analyst.

6. Any purchaser of any fertilizer shall be entitled, on the payment of the prescribed fee, to have it analysed by the analyst and to receive from him a certificate of the result of his analysis.

Form of certificate of analysis.

7. The analyst's certificate of analysis shall be in the form set forth in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect.

Analyst's certificate to be prima facie evidence.

8. At the hearing of any charge of an offence under this Law or any regulations made thereunder the production of the certificate of the analyst shall be sufficient evidence of the facts therein stated, unless the person charged shall require that the analyst shall be called as a witness.

Penalty for breach.

9. Any person committing a breach of or failing to comply with the provisions of this Law or of any regulations made thereunder for which no penalty is prescribed or obstructing any official carrying into effect this Law or any regulations made thereunder shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds and any sacks or fertilizer in respect to which the offence shall be committed shall be liable to be confiscated.

