

and to be used exclusively for keeping alive stock starving by reason of the drought will be carried free to stations in the Otago district as far as Palmerston and to stations in the Canterbury district affected by the drought on production by the consignor of a declaration in the following form:—

"I hereby certify that the (a) consigned by me from (b) to (c) has been purchased and is to be immediately used by the consignee solely for the purpose of keeping alive his own stock starving by reason of the recent drought, that the fodder is not for sale or storage, and that the price charged to the owners of the stock for the fodder specified hereon does not exceed the price charged on 1st June, 1915.

(a) Insert here particulars of fodder. (b) Station from. (c) Name of consignee and station to.

As witness my hand this 6th day of August, 1915.

W. H. HERRIES,
Minister of Railways.

Despatches.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 4th August, 1915.

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Ratification by Spain of the Additional Protocol of the 20th March, 1914, to the Berne Copyright Convention, 1908.

Downing Street, 20th May, 1915.

MY LORD,—With reference to my despatch No. 207, of the 23rd April, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copy of a note addressed to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by the Swiss Minister, relative to the ratification by Spain of the additional protocol of the 20th March, 1914, to the Berne Copyright Convention, 1908.*

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon the Earl of Liverpool, G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

[*Advertised in *New Zealand Gazette* of 25th June, 1914.]

Swiss Legation, 4th May, 1915.

His Excellency Sir Edward Grey, &c., Foreign Office.
The Secretary of State.

SIR,—By order of my Government I have the honour to acquaint Your Excellency that the Spanish Legation in Switzerland has forwarded to the Federal Council, on the 20th of April last, the instrument by which His Majesty the King of Spain on the 15th March, 1915, declares his ratification of the protocol of 20th March, 1914, additional to the revised Convention of Berne of the 13th November, 1908, for the protection of literary and artistic works. This instrument of ratification has been deposited in the archives of the Confederation.

I have, &c.,

CARLIN.

Goods imported from Belgium and certain Neutral Countries in Europe.

Customs Department,
Wellington, 10th August, 1915.

IT is hereby notified for general information that, with a view to establishing uniform procedure in respect of importation of goods from Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Switzerland, and Belgium, a conference, attended by representatives of the British Government and Overseas Dominions, was held in London.

The practice adopted by the conference is fully set out in the appended memorandum issued by the High Commissioner for New Zealand.

W. H. HERRIES,
Minister of Customs.

Office of the High Commissioner for New Zealand,
13 Victoria Street, London S.W.,

29th June, 1915.

Memorandum for Exporters and Shippers to New Zealand.
1. Your attention is directed to Order in Council dated 26th January, 1915, and appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* of same date.

2. In order to minimize any inconvenience in the matter the following rules of procedure have been laid down and

will become operative on and after 7th July, 1915. They have received the approval of Imperial Government Departments in the United Kingdom in so far as they are concerned in dealing with goods imported from the countries mentioned.

GOODS SHIPPED DIRECT.

3. These goods will be dealt with entirely by the Authorities in New Zealand in accordance with the provisions of Order in Council before referred to.

GOODS IN TRANSIT THROUGH UNITED KINGDOM.

4. The goods here referred to may be as follows:—

(a.) On through Bill of Lading.

(b.) Shipped under Customs Transshipment Regulations, and for which a Bill of Lading will be taken out in United Kingdom.

For both these classes of goods the British Consular Certificates will not be required to be produced in United Kingdom. The goods concerned will be shipped thence without any other Customs restrictions than those operating in respect of ordinary transshipments under Bond. The Consular Certificates will, however, be required to be produced in New Zealand for all such goods.

5. Cases may arise where a Consular Certificate covers goods partly for Home use in United Kingdom and partly for transshipment to New Zealand. In such cases the Certificate would be required by British Customs and be retained by them. Exporters are advised that under such circumstances the British Customs, on request being made to that effect and on payment of prescribed fee, will issue a copy of the Certificate, or an extract of so much thereof as may concern the Exporter interested in the New Zealand shipment.

6. If the Exporter elects he may, however, present the Consular Certificate to the High Commissioner's Office, 13 Victoria Street, and there obtain, free of charge, a certified copy or extract. This would have to be done before presentation of original to the British Customs.

7. In like manner a Certificate may cover goods for transshipment to different Overseas Dominions. In such case, if the original be presented at the High Commissioner's Office, 13 Victoria Street, a certified copy or extract will, on application, be given free of charge to the Exporter.

8. These certified copies of Certificate or extracts, as the case may be, must be prepared in duplicate (one to be retained by the High Commissioner) by the Exporter or his agent, and will, upon due completion, be accepted in New Zealand in lieu of the original Consular Certificate.

GOODS RE-EXPORTED FROM UNITED KINGDOM.

9. These goods will have been imported into the United Kingdom and passed through Customs there on Free or other Entry for home use or for warehousing under Bond. In such case, when the goods are shipped for New Zealand, they are entered for re-export at the Customs on "Specification" (Form No. 30) or on "Shipping Bill" for warehoused goods (Form No. 64).

10. In either of these cases the Exporter should obtain from the Customs a duplicate of such "Specification" or "Shipping Bill," as the case may be, duly signed by the proper Officer and having an impression of the Customs Office stamp placed thereon. The duplicates should thereafter be sent out to New Zealand with other usual shipping documents, and when presented to the Customs Authorities at the Port of Destination will obviate any necessity for production of British Consular Certificate for the goods specified.

11. Cases may occur where goods for various Overseas consignees are passed for export on one "Specification" or "Shipping Bill." In such case the Exporter or his agent may, if he so desires, apply for and obtain a sufficient number of extracts from the original Specification or Shipping Bill as will enable him to supply one each to his different clients.

12. The duplicate Specification or Shipping Bill or extracts thereof will be required only in respect of goods re-exported from United Kingdom which were originally imported on Consular Certificate or otherwise (the Certificate is not required in United Kingdom for certain specified goods) from Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Switzerland, or Belgium.

13. The British Customs have consented to issue these duplicates on application being made therefor by the Exporter or his agent. The duplicates must be prepared by the latter, and be presented for signature and stamping at the same time as he lodges his original "Specification" or "Shipping Bill" at the Customs. There will be no charge made by the Customs for this service.

RE-EXPORTED BELGIAN GOODS.

14. Goods of Belgian manufacture can be imported into United Kingdom only when a License has first been obtained