

2. (a.) A license under the foregoing regulations shall be issued by the Comptroller of Customs, subject to such conditions, restrictions, and limitations as he thinks fit, whenever he is satisfied, from information supplied by the applicant or otherwise, that there is no reason to believe or suspect that the goods to be imported are in whole or in part manufactured, produced, sold, consigned by, or procured from an enemy or an alien enemy, or any person having any such connections or associations with an enemy or alien enemy that the importation of such goods is contrary to the public interest.

(b.) "Enemy" means any person from whom the purchase of goods is prohibited by or under the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1914, or any War Regulations other than the foregoing.

(c.) The burden of proving that a license ought to be granted as aforesaid shall be upon the applicant.

(d.) The decision of the Comptroller as to the issue or the refusal of a license, and as to the conditions, restrictions, and limitations on which a license shall be granted, shall be final and conclusive.

3. Every such license may be at any time revoked by the Comptroller for any reason which in his opinion would have justified a refusal of the grant thereof, or if in his opinion any breach of the conditions, restrictions, or limitations of the license has been committed.

4. Goods imported in breach of the foregoing regulations shall be forfeited to His Majesty, and for this purpose they shall be deemed to be prohibited imports under the Customs Act, 1913, and all the provisions of that Act as to forfeitures shall, so far as applicable, apply accordingly.

5. A license granted under these regulations shall be no defence to any prosecution for an offence against any other War Regulations or against the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1914.

6. Nothing in the foregoing regulations shall prevent a bank from acting in the ordinary way of banking business in respect of the receipt or delivery of shipping documents, the acceptance or collection of bills of exchange, or otherwise in relation to the importation of goods.

7. Every person shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations who deceives or attempts to deceive the Comptroller of Customs in the exercise of his powers thereunder.

8. Nothing in the foregoing regulations shall render illegal the importation of goods in pursuance of any order despatched from New Zealand before the date of these regulations for the purchase or consignment of goods, provided those goods have left the country of exportation within three months after the date of these regulations.

9. Nothing in the foregoing regulations shall make it illegal for any person to import or to be concerned in the importation of goods for his own use unconnected with any trade or business carried on by him.

10. If a Collector of Customs has reason to believe that any goods imported into New Zealand are imported directly or indirectly from any country other than the United Kingdom or a British possession, or have been wholly or partially manufactured or produced in any such country, the Collector may refuse to permit the delivery of those goods from the control of the Customs until and unless evidence to his satisfaction has been produced by the importer as to the country from which they were so imported, or in which they were so manufactured or produced, and as to the names and places of business of the exporter, vendor, and manufacturer thereof.

ENEMY TRADE.

11. (a.) Where any person is or has at any time been, whether before or after the making of these regulations, a servant or partner of an alien enemy or of a person declared to be an enemy under the War Regulations, or a servant or member of a company or firm so declared to be an enemy, the Attorney-General may from time to time by notice given to that person impose such restrictions as he thinks fit upon the scope or nature of any business carried on or to be carried on by him, or upon the mode of carrying on any such business.

(b.) No such restrictions on the business of any person shall be so imposed or shall remain in force at any time later than six months after that person has ceased to be a servant or partner of an enemy or of an alien enemy, or a servant or member of an enemy firm or company as aforesaid.