

thing to the contrary in any Act or in any rule of law, where a local authority or public body has been authorized before the passing of the said Act, or is thereafter authorized, to borrow money, whether pursuant to a poll of ratepayers or otherwise howsoever, whether the rate of interest or the term of years of the loan was or was not specified or determined, and such money or any part thereof has not been borrowed, the local authority may, with the precedent consent of the Minister of Finance, borrow such money, or such amount thereof as has not been borrowed, at such rate of interest, or for such term not less than ten years, as may be prescribed by the Governor-General by Order in Council:

And whereas the Milton Borough Council has been authorized to borrow the sum of one thousand pounds for liquidating its antecedent liability:

And whereas the Minister of Finance has given his precedent consent as required by the above-recited section eleven, and it is desired that the rate of interest at which the said loan of one thousand pounds may be borrowed be not exceeding six per centum per annum:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby prescribe that the rate of interest that may be paid by the Milton Borough Council in respect of the said loan of one thousand pounds shall be a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and the said Milton Borough Council is hereby authorized to borrow the said sum of one thousand pounds accordingly.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Opium Regulations.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 31st day of July, 1922.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Opium Act, 1908, and by the Treaties of Peace Act, 1919, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke the regulations made under the Opium Act, 1908, and the Treaties of Peace Act, 1919, on the eighteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and gazetted on the twenty-seventh day of the same month, and doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS.

1. THESE regulations may be cited as the Opium Regulations, and shall come into force on the day of the publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

2. In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—

“Minister” means the Minister of Customs:

“Comptroller” means the Comptroller of Customs:

“Importer” means the holder of a permit under these regulations to import opium, morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, or egonine:

“Exporter” means the holder of a permit under these regulations to export opium, morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, or egonine:

“The said Act” means the Opium Act, 1908, and its amendments:

“Opium” includes the articles enumerated in No. 3 of these regulations, and also raw opium, solutions or liquids containing opium, moist or semi-liquid preparations containing opium, and opium in mixture with other substances; provided that no preparation containing 0.2 per cent. of morphine or less shall be regarded as opium:

“Morphine” means the principal alkaloid of opium having the chemical formula $C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$, and salts and preparations containing the same; provided that no salt or preparation containing 0.2 per cent. of morphine or less shall be regarded as morphine:

“Heroin” means diacetyl-morphine having the chemical formula $C_{21}H_{23}NO_5$, and salts and preparations containing the same; provided that no salt or preparation containing 0.1 per cent. of heroin or less shall be regarded as heroin:

“Cocaine” means the principal alkaloid of the leaves of *Erythroxylon coca* having the chemical formula $C_{17}H_{21}NO_4$, and salts and preparations containing the same; provided that no salt or preparation

containing 0.1 per cent. of cocaine or less shall be regarded as cocaine:

“Codeine” means the alkaloid of opium having the chemical formula $C_{15}H_{21}NO_3$, and salts and preparations containing the same; provided that no salt or preparation containing 0.2 per cent. of codeine or less shall be regarded as codeine:

“Egonine” means the alkaloid of the leaves of *Erythroxylon coca* having the chemical formula $C_9H_{15}NO_3$, and salts and preparations containing the same; provided that no salt or preparation containing 0.1 per cent. of egonine or less shall be regarded as egonine:

“Dangerous drugs” means opium, morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, or egonine, as defined in this regulation.

3. For the purpose of the Opium Act, 1908, and its amendments, the following articles are declared to be opium in a form which though not suitable for smoking may yet be made suitable for smoking: Opium crude, opium in powder, solid extract of opium, opium in mixture with other substances (if such mixture may be made suitable for smoking), liquid extract of opium, tincture of opium, sedative liquor of opium, wine of opium, and solutions or liquids containing opium, or moist or semi-liquid preparations containing opium, which are in a form which may be made suitable for smoking.

4. (1.) No person shall import into New Zealand opium, morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, or egonine without a permit from the Minister.

(2.) Every person desiring to obtain a permit shall apply therefor in writing to the Minister, and shall forward his application through the Comptroller of Customs, Wellington.

(3.) On receipt of any such application the Minister, if satisfied as to the character of the applicant and as to his fitness to be a holder of a permit, shall issue to the applicant a permit in the form numbered 1 in the Schedule hereto.

(4.) Every permit to import and to export opium, morphine, heroin, and cocaine issued and in force under the regulations hereby repealed shall, until cancelled by the Minister, enure under these regulations as a permit to import opium, morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, and egonine.

5. (1.) Every importer desiring to import any dangerous drugs (i.e., opium, morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, or egonine) shall, before ordering the same, make application to the Comptroller of Customs in the form numbered 2 in the Schedule hereto for a certificate of approval in the form numbered 3 in the same Schedule, and shall satisfy him that the importation of the said drugs is lawful under the said Act and these regulations, and that the said drugs are required and, if imported, will be used for legitimate purposes, and that any medicinal opium or any morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, or egonine included in such application is required and, if imported, will be used solely for medicinal or scientific purposes.

(2.) If any statement made by an importer in any such application is false in any material particular, that importer shall be deemed to have committed a breach of this regulation.

(3.) On receipt of any such application the Comptroller shall issue a certificate in the form numbered 3 in the Schedule hereto, provided he is satisfied that the importation of the dangerous drugs mentioned therein is lawful under the said Act and these regulations, and that the said drugs are required and, if imported, will be used for legitimate purposes, and that any medicinal opium, or any morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, or egonine, included in such application is required and, if imported, will be used solely for medicinal or scientific purposes.

EXPORTATION.

6. (1.) No person shall export dangerous drugs from New Zealand without a permit in form numbered 4 in the Schedule hereto from the Comptroller.

(2.) Such permit may be granted subject to such conditions or restrictions as the Comptroller may in any case prescribe, and shall be issued only on production of a certificate from the Government of the country to which any such dangerous drug is to be exported that the importation into that country of the consignment in question is approved by that Government and is required for legitimate purposes, and, in the case of medicinal opium, and of morphine, heroin, cocaine, codeine, or egonine, that such drugs are required solely for medicinal or scientific purposes.

(3.) The production of the last-mentioned certificate may, at the discretion of the Comptroller, and under conditions prescribed by him, be dispensed with in any special case and in cases where dangerous drugs are to be exported to a country the laws of which do not provide for the issue of such a certificate.

(4.) Nothing in this regulation shall apply to any dangerous drugs supplied by permission of the Collector of Customs to the master of any ship trading overseas, in such quantities only as are required for use as medical stores for such ship.