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¹ACT No. III of 1923

[23rd February, 1923]

An Act to provide for the restriction and control of the transport of cotton in certain circumstances.

WHEREAS it is expedient for the purpose of maintaining the quality and reputation of the cotton grown in certain areas in ²[Pakistan] to enable the restriction and control of the transport by rail and the import of cotton into those areas ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. Short title and extent.—(1) This Act may be called the Cotton Transport Act, 1923.

³[(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.]

2. Definitions. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, -

- (a) “certified copy”, in relation to a licence, means a copy of the licence certified in the manner described in section 76 of the Evidence Act, 1872 (I of 1872.), by the authority by which the licence was granted;

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 213 ; and for Report of Joint Committee, see *ibid.*, 1923, Pt. V, p. 1.

²Subs. by the Central Laws (Statute Reform) Ordinance, 1960 (21 of 1960). s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955), for “the Provinces and the Capital of the Federation”, which had been subs. by A. O., 1949, for “British India”.

³Sub-section (2), as amended by A. O., 1949, has been subs. by Ord. 21 of 1960, s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955).

- (b) “cotton” means every kind of unmanufactured cotton, that is to say, ginned and unginned cotton, cotton waste and cotton seed;
- (c) “cotton waste” means droppings, strippings, fly and other waste products of a cotton-mill other than yarn waste ;
- (d) “licence” means a licence granted under, this Act ;
- (e) “notified station” means a railway station specified in a notification under section 3 ;
- (f) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act ; and
- (g) “protected area” means an area into which the import of cotton or of any kind of cotton has been prohibited ¹[wholly or partly] by a notification under section 3 ²[;].
- ³(h) "appropriate Government" means in relation to transport of cotton across the customs frontiers and interprovincial trade and commerce, the Federal Government and, for other purposes, the Provincial Government.].

3. Power to issue notification prohibiting import of cotton into protected area.-(1) ⁴[The appropriate Government] may, for the purpose of maintaining, the quality or reputation of the cotton grown in any area in the Province, by notification in the ⁵[official Gazette], prohibit the import of cotton or of any specified kind of cotton into that area ⁶[by rail, road, river and sea, or by any one or more of such routes] save under; and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence:

Provided that no such notification shall be deemed to prohibit the import into any protected area of packages containing any kind of cotton and not exceeding ten pounds avoirdupois weight.

(2) any such notification may prohibit the delivery to, and the taking of delivery by, any person, at any specified railway station situated in the protected area, of any cotton, the import of which ⁷[by rail] into that area is prohibited when such cotton has been consigned from a railway station not situated in that area, unless such person holds a licence for the import ⁶[by rail] of the cotton into that area.

¹Ins. by the Cotton Transport (Amdt.) Act, 1925 (34 of 1925), s. 2,

²Subs. By F.A. O., 1975, Art. 2 and Sch..for full stop.

³Clause (h) added *ibid.*,

⁴Subs. *ibid.*, for “Provincial Government”.

⁵Subs. *ibid.*, for “local official Gazette”.

⁶Ins. by Act 34 of 1925. s. 3.

⁷Ins. *ibid.*, s. 4.