

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1194, August 25, 1954]

AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT, ENTITLED ACT TO LIMIT THE IMPORTATION OF LEAF TOBACCO."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section one of Republic Act Numbered Six hundred ninety-eight is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The importation of foreign leaf tobacco shall be limited as follows:

"For 1954—forty per cent of the total importation in 1950.

"For 1955—twenty-five per cent of the total importation in 1950.

"For 1956 and succeeding years, importation shall be subject to the following provisions:

"After the harvest of tobacco every year, and after the reports of every town recorded in the Bureau of Plant Industry as growing Virginia leaf tobacco, through their respective councils, have been received by the ACCFA, and after all Virginia leaf tobacco for sale in their respective areas shall have been bought by the ACCFA or any Government agency or any buyer not later than August one, the ACCFA shall report to the President whether or not the indigenous production of Virginia-type leaf tobacco in the Philippines is sufficient to maintain the manufacture in the country of tobacco products in any year at a level sufficient to produce not less than the quantity of tobacco products manufactured in the preceding fiscal year as certified by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The President of the Philippines upon receipt of such repor that the local production is insufficient may authorize the importation of Virginia-type leaf tobacco necessary maintain such level of production: *Provided*, That the foregoing provision shall be applicable to the fiscal years of nineteen hundred fifty-four and nineteen hundred fifty-five to meet deficiencies of supply, if any: *Provided, Further*, That nothing herein shall be construed to limit the importation of wrapper leaf tobacco for cigars or chewing tobacco, nor to permit the importation of processed tobacco as defined in section 1-b hereof except Turkish tobacco."

SEC. 2. There are hereby inserted between sections one and two of the same Republic Act Numbered Six hundred ninety-eight the following new sections: