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CHAPTER 228.**CONTROL OF GOODS.**

An Ordinance to Provide for the Control of the Movement, Consumption, Use, Keeping, Storage, Purchase and Sale of Goods and of the Prices at which Goods may be sold, and for Matters Incidental thereto. 22 of 1952.

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1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Control of Goods Ordinance. Short title.

2. The Governor in Council may by Order declare any goods or classes of goods, other than ships and aircraft, to be controlled goods, and upon the coming into force of any such Order the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to such goods or classes of goods. Power to declare controlled goods.

3. The Governor may appoint a Controller, or such Controllers as he may think fit, either for Sierra Leone as a whole or for any part thereof, and either in respect of controlled goods generally or in respect of any particular class or classes of Appointment of Controllers and other officers.

controlled goods, and such subordinate officers as he may consider necessary, for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Power to
make rules.

4. (1) The Governor in Council may make rules for all or any of the following purposes—

(a) conferring upon Controllers and subordinate officers such powers as he may consider necessary or expedient for the purposes of this Ordinance and for giving effect to the provisions of any rules made thereunder;

(b) providing for the delegation by any Controller to any subordinate officer of any powers conferred upon such Controller by rules made under this section;

(c) fixing or regulating the prices at which any controlled goods may be sold, or prescribing the manner in which and the person or persons by whom such prices may be fixed or regulated;

(d) prohibiting, restricting or regulating the movement of any controlled goods within Sierra Leone;

(e) prohibiting, restricting or regulating the consumption or use of any controlled goods, and for such purpose providing, if the Governor in Council thinks fit, for the supply and distribution of any controlled goods to be regulated by a system of rationing;

(f) prohibiting, restricting or regulating the storage or keeping of stocks of any controlled goods;

(g) prohibiting, restricting or regulating the sale or purchase of any controlled goods;

(h) prohibiting the doing of anything regulated or restricted as aforesaid except under a licence granted by such authority or person as the Governor in Council may specify and subject to such conditions as may be expressed therein, and prescribing the fee to be paid for any such licence;

(i) requisitioning any controlled goods, and making such provision as appears to the Governor in Council to be necessary or expedient in connection therewith, provided that any such rule shall include provision for the payment of compensation in respect of goods so requisitioned;

(j) requiring persons carrying on or employed in any trade or business in the course of which any controlled goods are moved, consumed, used, stored, kept, sold, purchased or otherwise dealt with or disposed of to keep such books, accounts or other documentary records, and to produce the same on demand to such persons, and to furnish such returns

in such manner and form and at such times as he may prescribe;

(k) providing for matters relating to evidence, and for the burden of proof, in any proceedings under this Ordinance.

(2) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, in any rule made under this section, to prescribe penalties for any contravention thereof: Penalties.

Provided that such penalties shall not exceed—

(i) where an individual is convicted on information, imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds, or both such imprisonment and such fine; and, in the case of a second or subsequent offence, imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine not exceeding one thousand pounds, or both such imprisonment and such fine;

(ii) where an individual is convicted summarily, imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or a fine of fifty pounds, or both such imprisonment and such fine; and, in the case of a second or subsequent offence, imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or a fine of one hundred pounds, or both such imprisonment and such fine;

(iii) where a body corporate is convicted on information, a fine;

(iv) where a body corporate is convicted summarily, a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds; and, in the case of a second offence, a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds.

5. (1) Any magistrate, any justice of the peace, any police officer in uniform, of or above the rank of sergeant, may, if he is satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for believing that any controlled goods are being kept or stored in any place or premises, contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance or any rules made thereunder, enter and search such place or premises and examine anything found therein or cause the same to be entered and searched and anything found therein to be examined by a person specially authorised by him in writing in that behalf, and it shall be lawful for any person having entered any place or premises as aforesaid to seize remove and detain any controlled goods and any books or documents which he has reason to believe may contain entries or particulars relating to any controlled goods, which he may find therein. Powers of entry, search and seizure.