

PROCLAMATION.

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 17, 1910.—DATED 14th APRIL, 1910.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prevent the introduction into the Bechuanaland Protectorate of the disease among bees known as "foul brood";

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the powers in me vested, I do hereby declare; proclaim and make known as follows:—

1. No person shall import or cause to be imported into the Bechuanaland Protectorate

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**Importation of bees without permission prohibited.
Importation of honey, honey comb, etc., prohibited.**

- (a) bees from any place without the written permission of the Resident Commissioner;
- (b) from any place outside South Africa honey in combs or extracted beeswax foundation comb, used beehives or used beehive accessories or appliances, or anything that has been used to contain or manipulate bees or beeswax.

Steps which may be taken to inspect, disinfect or destroy bees and apiaries.

2. The Resident Commissioner, any Assistant Commissioner or any other person authorised by the Resident Commissioner may

- (a) inspect any consignment of bees imported under the permission aforesaid;
- (b) inspect any consignment reasonably suspected of containing anything imported in contravention of this Proclamation or the regulations made under it;
- (c) inspect any apiary or place where bees are kept;
- (d) inspect any honey or beeswax which is intended for sale;
- (e) cause to be cleaned, or disinfected, or destroyed, any apiary or place where bees are kept if disease is found to exist therein;
- (f) cause to be destroyed any bees honey or anything else imported in contravention of this Proclamation or the regulations made under it or found to be affected with disease.

High Commissioner may make regulations.

3. The High Commissioner may from time to time by notice in the *Gazette* make, alter or rescind regulations not inconsistent with this Proclamation prescribing

- (a) the form and conditions of application for and issue of permissions under section *one* of this Proclamation, and the particulars to be stated in such application;
 - (b) the conditions or importation of bees from any place and of honey, beeswax and foundation comb from any Colony or Territory in South Africa;
 - (c) the mode of cleaning or disinfecting or destroying apiaries and places where bees are kept;
- and generally for the better carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Proclamation.

Penalty for contravention of provisions of Proclamation.

4. Any person who shall contravene any provision of this Proclamation or the regulations made under it, or who shall interfere with or obstruct any person exercising the powers conferred by section *two* hereof shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Introduction of bees from other Territories in South Africa.

5. (1) The High Commissioner may from time to time by notice in the *Gazette* declare that paragraph (a) of section *one* of this Proclamation shall not apply in respect of the importation from any Colony or Territory in South Africa of bees native of that Colony or Territory if therein a statute or proclamation is in force prohibiting under a penalty not less than is mentioned in the last preceding section the importation of bees (except under permission) from any place into that Colony or Territory.¹

¹The importation of Bees from the Union of South Africa permitted by H.C.'s Notice No. 43 of 1910; and from Southern Rhodesia by Notice No. 46 of 1910.

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(2) If disease exists among bees in any Colony or Territory in respect of which the powers mentioned in sub-section (1) have been exercised the High Commissioner may revoke such notice, and thereupon the provisions of paragraph (a) of section *one* shall apply in respect of such Colony or Territory.

(3) If disease exists among bees in any Colony or Territory in South Africa the High Commissioner may by notice in the *Gazette* extend the prohibitions contained in paragraph (b) of section *one* to importations from that Colony or Territory.

Commencement of Proclamation.

6. This Proclamation may be cited for all purposes as the Importation of Bees Regulation Proclamation (Bechuanaland Protectorate) 1910, and shall have force and take effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.