

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 18 of 1923.

[Promulgated 6th April, 1923.]

PROCLAMATION

By His Royal Highness the High Commissioner
Entitled "The Bechuanaland Protectorate Trade Returns
Proclamation, 1923."

Whereas it is expedient that all holders of trading licences in the Bechuanaland Protectorate (herein after referred to as "the territory") and all other persons who import articles into or export articles from the territory should be required for statistical purposes to make annually to the Resident Commissioner returns of all articles so imported or exported by them;

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

1. Every holder of a trading licence in the territory, and every other person upon whom notice may be served in the form prescribed by regulation requiring him to make a return under this Proclamation, shall make annually to the Resident Commissioner a return of all articles imported by him into or exported by him from the territory during the period of twelve months from the 1st April in one year to the 31st March in the following year.

The term "article" as used in this Proclamation shall include live stock, vehicles, farm produce, metals and precious stones, and all goods, wares and merchandise of any description whatsoever.

2. The return required under this Proclamation shall be in the form given in the Schedule hereto or in such other form as may be prescribed by regulation, and the return for the preceding period of twelve months shall be filed with the magistrate of the district in which the person required to make the return resides or carries on business not later than the 15th day of April in each year.

3. (1) Any person required to make a return under this Proclamation who fails to make such a return in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding three months, or to the like period of imprisonment without the option of a fine.

(2) If any holder of a trading licence in the territory fails to make a return as required by this Proclamation, it shall be in the discretion of any Assistant Commissioner or magistrate to refuse to issue to such trader a new licence at the expiration of his current licence.

4. Any person who makes in any return filed by him under this Proclamation any statement which is false in any material particular, knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of an offence and 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 three months or to the like period of imprisonment without the option of a fine.

5. Compilations of information contained in returns obtained under this Proclamation may be made and published in such manner as the High Commissioner may direct provided that no return furnished by any person shall separately and alone be made public without the consent of the person making the return.

6. Any officer in the service of the Administration who divulges except as allowed by this Proclamation the contents of any return filled up in pursuance of this Proclamation shall be guilty of an offence and 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 three months or to the like period of imprisonment without the option of a fine.

7. The High Commissioner may by notice in the *Gazette* make regulations not inconsistent with this Proclamation prescribing the form of returns to be made under this Proclamation and the particulars to be furnished therein and the form of notices to be served under this Proclamation and generally for carrying out the purposes of this Proclamation.

8. Any notice authorized under this Proclamation to be served upon any person shall be sufficiently and effectively served—

- (a) if personally served upon him; or
- (b) if left at his usual or last place of abode or office or place of business in the territory; or
- (c) if sent in a registered letter addressed to such place of abode or office or place of business or to his usual or last postal address in the territory;

and in the case of a company shall be sufficiently and effectively served if served on any manager or agent of the company in the territory.

9. This Proclamation may be cited for all purposes as the Bechuanaland Protectorate Trade Returns Proclamation 1923 and shall have force and take effect from the first day of April 1923.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Johannesburg this Thirtieth day of March One thousand Nine hundred and Twenty-three.

ARTHUR FREDERICK,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Royal Highness the
High Commissioner.

H. J. STANLEY,
Imperial Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

EXPORTS, 19...-19...

Article.	No. or Weight.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.
Kaffir Corn				
Mealie Meal				
Cheese				
Bacon				
Hams				
Butter				
Eggs				
Cattle				
Sheep and Goats				
Donkeys				
Hides				
Skins (Sheep and Goats)				
Skins and Karosses (Wild Animal)				
Ostrich Feathers				
Mohair				
Wool				
Cream				
Firewood				
Gold				
Silver				
Other Articles				
Total value £				

Signature of person making return.....
Date.....

IMPORTS, 19...-19...

Article.	No. or Weight.	Value.		
		£	s.	d.
Kaffir Corn				
Maize				
Mealie Meal				
Wheat and Wheat Meal				
Cattle				
Sheep and Goats				
Horses, Mules, and Donkeys				
Pigs				
Vehicles				
General Merchandise				
Total value £				

Signature of person making return.....
Date.....