

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 9 of 1939.

(Promulgated 24th March, 1939.)

PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
Entitled the Bechuanaland Protectorates Hides and
Skins Export Proclamation, 1939.

Whereas it is desirable to make better provision for the export of hides and skins from the Bechuanaland Protectorate (hereinafter referred to as "the Territory"):

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

1. In this Proclamation, unless inconsistent with the context—

Definitions.

"Calf-skin" means the skin, or part thereof, of a calf;

"Hide" means the hide, or part thereof, of a bull, cow, ox or heifer;

"Skin" means the skin, or part thereof, of a sheep or goat.

2. From and after the commencement of this Proclamation no person shall export or cause to be exported, either by rail, road or otherwise, from the Territory any calf-skin, hide, or skin except under a permit issued by the District Commissioner of the district from which such calf-skin, hide or skin is to be exported or by a Government Veterinary Officer, Stock Inspector or some other official authorised thereto by the Resident Commissioner by Notice in the *Gazette*.

Export of hides and skins prohibited except under permit.

3. (1) The High Commissioner may from time to time make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:—

Power to make regulations.

(a) providing for the payment of a levy on every calf-skin, hide or skin to be exported from the Territory, which levy shall be payable before the issue of an export permit under section two of this Proclamation: Provided that pending the publication of such regulations export permits shall be issued free;

- (b) altering or amending the rate or rates of any levy imposed under the last preceding paragraph or suspending the payment thereof on such conditions as the High Commissioner may think fit;
- (c) providing for the grading, marking and packing of calf-skins, hides and skins for export;
- (d) providing for the payment of a bounty or bounties in respect of certain calf-skins, hides or skins, for the rate and calculation of any such bounty, and for the grading of such calf-skins, hides or skins for bounty purposes;
- (e) providing for the more efficient control of the production or export of calf-skins, hides or skins, and for regulating or prohibiting the export of certain types or grades of inferior, damaged or diseased calf-skins, hides or skins, and generally for giving effect to and carrying out the objects of this Proclamation.

(2) The High Commissioner may by such regulations prescribe penalties for any contravention thereof: Provided that no such penalty shall exceed a fine of ten pounds or imprisonment for a period of one month or both such fine and imprisonment.

Production
of hides
and skins
before
issue of
export
permit.

4. In the event of a levy being imposed in terms of sub-section (1) (a) of section *three* every person making application for a permit shall, if required, produce to the District Commissioner or other official issuing the permit the calf-skins, hides or skins which he desires to be exported for the purpose of calculation of any levy, or shall otherwise satisfy the District Commissioner or such official regarding the calculation of such levy.

Penalties.

5. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Proclamation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds and, in default of payment, to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding three months for a first offence, and to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds and, in default of payment, to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding six months for any subsequent offence.

6. This Proclamation may be cited as the ^{short title} Bechuanaland Protectorate Hides and Skins ^{and com-} Export Proclamation, 1939, and shall have ^{mencement-} force and take effect from the first day of April, 1939.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Capetown this Fourteenth day of March One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-nine.

W. H. CLARK,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.