

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.
RESIDENT COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 9 of 1942.
CONTROL OF IMPORTS.
NOTICE TO IMPORTERS RE CERTIFICATES OF
ESSENTIALITY.

1. In connection with the importation of goods into the Bechuanaland Protectorate, the importer or his supplier in the country of origin may require, for submission to the authorities in the country of supply, some form of recommendation from the Bechuanaland Protectorate Government that the goods are vitally necessary for the prosecution of the Bechuanaland Protectorate's war effort or the maintenance of the life of the community on a wartime basis, before he can succeed in securing authority for the release of the raw materials necessary for the manufacture of the goods in question, or for priority of manufacture of such goods, or a permit to export the goods to the Bechuanaland Protectorate. In such cases the Resident Commissioner will be prepared to consider the issue, on application by the importer concerned, of a Certificate of Essentiality which will facilitate the supply of his essential requirements.

2. In certain cases persons in the Bechuanaland Protectorate may desire to call for tenders either direct from overseas manufacturers or suppliers or from local representatives of overseas principals before placing a final order. The prospective tenderers may then require some assurance that a Certificate of Essentiality or an Import Permit will be issued to the persons calling for the tenders when they have finally placed their orders. In such cases the last-mentioned persons should apply to the Resident Commissioner for an assurance that a Certificate of Essentiality or an Import Permit will eventually be issued to them, and, if such assurance is given, this fact may then be made known to all persons who are invited to tender. A person who has called for tenders as aforesaid should, on placing the order, deliver the Certificate of Essentiality or the Import Permit to the successful tenderer.

3. All applications for Certificates of Essentiality or for the aforesaid assurances should be made in duplicate to the Government Secretary, Mafeking, on the Form "Application for Import Permit" published as Annexure "A" to High Commissioner's Notice No. 224 of 1941; and attention is directed to the Instructions on the back of said Form.

C. N. A. CLARKE,
Resident Commissioner

Mafeking, 17th April, 1942.