

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE  
No. 157 of 1943.

ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF MEALIES  
AND MEALIE PRODUCTS.

It is hereby notified for general information that, under and by virtue of the powers vested in him by section *one* of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Emergency Powers (Defence) Proclamation, 1939 (No. 36 of 1939), His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to make the following regulations relating to the acquisition and disposal of mealies and mealie products in the Bechuanaland Protectorate:—

1. (1) No person shall, either on his own behalf or on behalf of any one or more other persons—

(a) during any month acquire mealies or mealie products (including mealies or mealie products contained in mixtures of any kind), from any person other than a producer of mealies, in quantities exceeding in the aggregate 400 lb. of mealies and mealie products together, unless he is in possession of a permit issued to him by the Controller authorising the acquisition of such mealies or mealie products; or

(b) dispose of mealies or mealie products (including mealies or mealie products contained in any such mixture) to any person, except in so far as that person is by virtue of paragraph (a) entitled to acquire such mealies or mealie products without the authority of a permit such as is referred to in that paragraph or is in possession of such a permit authorising him to acquire such mealies or mealie products.

(2) The issue of any such permit as is referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall, subject to the provisions of regulation 2, be in the discretion of the Controller, who may require an applicant for a permit to furnish any information he may deem necessary in support of his application for that permit.

(3) A permit as aforesaid shall not—

(a) be required for the disposal of mealies or mealie products by a producer of mealies; or

(b) be deemed to authorise the acquisition of mealies or mealie products from such a producer.

(4) For the purpose of this regulation, mealies or mealie products shall be deemed to have been acquired or disposed of during the month in which such mealies or mealie products are despatched to or delivered at the premises of the person by whom such mealies or mealie products are acquired or a person acting on his behalf.

2. No permit for the acquisition of mealies or mealie products shall be issued to any person (other than a producer of mealies) who purchases mealies or mealie products for resale, unless the applicant for that permit has lodged with the Controller—

(a) permits authorising the acquisition of mealies or mealie products, duly endorsed as provided thereon by the persons to whom such permits were issued and the applicant concerned, and indicating that such applicant has sold a quantity of mealies or mealie products not less than the quantity for the acquisition whereof that permit is desired; or

(b) an affidavit to the effect that the applicant concerned has, since the last previous permit was issued to him by the Controller, sold a quantity of mealies or mealie products not less than the quantity for the acquisition whereof the permit is desired, to persons who were entitled to acquire such mealies or mealie products otherwise than under a permit authorising the acquisition thereof: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the issue of a permit for the acquisition of mealies or mealie products to any applicant who has not complied with the aforementioned requirements, if such a permit has not previously been issued to that applicant or if a period of less than 30 days has elapsed since the date of issue of any previous permit to that applicant by the Controller.

3. In these regulations—

“ Controller ” means the Chief Agricultural Officer or such other officer as may be appointed by him;

“ producer of mealies ” means a person who has produced mealies or who has acquired mealies as remuneration for services rendered to a producer of mealies.

4. Applications for permission to import mealies or mealie products from the Union of South Africa must be addressed to the Controller, and no mealies or mealie products shall be imported except under the authority of a permit issued or endorsed by the Controller.

5. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provisions of these regulations or who furnishes any incorrect or incomplete information shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

6. High Commissioner's Notice No. 182 of 1942 is hereby cancelled.

By Command of His Excellency  
the High Commissioner.

H. LESTER SMITH,  
for Administrative Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,  
Pretoria, 15th July, 1943.