

LEGISLATION.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BOUNTIES.

No. 35 of 1937.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF BOUNTIES ON CERTAIN GOODS THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND ON CERTAIN GOODS THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA.

[Assented to 16th September, 1937.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act 1937*.
2. This Act shall commence on the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight.

3. There shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, the bounties specified in this Act.

4.—(1.) The bounties under this Act shall be payable on the goods, the produce or manufacture of the Territory of Papua or of the Territory of New Guinea, which are specified in the Schedule to this Act, on importation into the Commonwealth for home consumption therein, provided that—

(a) the goods are imported either within the period prescribed in the third column of that Schedule or within the period prescribed in the Schedule to the *Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act 1926-1936*; and

(b) the goods have been imported direct from the Territory in which they were produced or manufactured.

(2.) The bounty payable in respect of any goods specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Act shall be payable at the rate specified in the second column of that Schedule opposite to the name or description of those goods.

5. Bounty under this Act shall not be payable—

(a) to any person other than the exporter or his authorized agent;

(b) in respect of any goods which are not of good and merchantable quality; or

(c) in respect of any goods upon which bounty has been paid under the *Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act 1926-1936*.

6. Every claimant for bounty under this Act in respect of any goods shall produce—

(a) a certificate signed by the principal officer of Customs at the port of shipment in the country of export that the goods are the produce or manufacture of the Territory of Papua or of the Territory of New Guinea, as the case may be; or

(b) such other evidence of the origin of the goods as the Minister requires.

7. The Minister may, in relation to any claim for bounty under this Act, require such information as to the correctness of any certificate produced under the last preceding section, or otherwise, as he deems necessary.

8. No person shall—

- (a) obtain payment of any bounty under this Act which is not payable;
- (b) obtain payment of any bounty under this Act by means of any false or misleading statement; or
- (c) present to any officer or other person doing any duty in relation to this Act or the regulations any document, or make to any such officer or person, any statement, which is false or misleading in any particular.

Penalty: One hundred pounds or imprisonment for twelve months.

9.—(1.) A return shall be prepared not later than the thirty-first day of August of each year, and shall be laid before both Houses of the Parliament within thirty days after its preparation, if the Parliament is then sitting and, if not, then within thirty days after the next meeting thereof.

(2.) The return shall set forth in respect of the preceding financial year and in respect of each class of goods produced or manufactured—

- (a) the number of persons, firms or companies to whom bounty under this Act has been paid;
- (b) the total quantity on which bounty has been paid; and
- (c) the total amount of bounty paid.

10. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular for prescribing penalties not exceeding fifty pounds for any breach of the regulations.

THE SCHEDULE.

First Column. Goods.	Second Column. Rate of Bounty.	Third Column. Period of Bounty.
1. Cocoa Beans, raw, whole or broken ..	1½d. per lb.	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938
2. Cocoa Shells, raw	1½d. per lb.	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938
3. Fibres, viz. :— (a) Manila and Sisal Hemp and other hard fibres known commercially as hemp, as determined by the Minister	£6 per ton	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938
(b) Coir	£3 per ton	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938
4. Sago, not packed for household use ..	1d. per lb.	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938
5. Beans, Vanilla	2s. per lb.	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938
6. Bamboos and Rattans, unmanufactured (including clouded)	£4 per ton	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938
7. Spices, Unground, viz. :—Nutmegs, Mace, Pepper, Cloves and Ginger	1½d. per lb.	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938
8. Other Spices, unground	½d. per lb.	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938
9. Kapok	2d. per lb.	Ten years from and including 1st January, 1938