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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1954 No. 23**

**CUSTOMS AND EXCISE**

**The Import of Goods (Control) Order, 1954**

*Made* - - - - *14th January 1954*  
*Coming into Operation* *21st January 1954*

The Board of Trade, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Section 1 of the Import, Export and Customs Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, do hereby order follows:—

*Prohibition on importation*

1. Subject to the provisions of this Order, all goods are prohibited to be imported into the United Kingdom.

*Licensed imports*

2. Nothing in Article 1 hereof shall be taken to prohibit the importation of any goods under the authority of any licence granted by the Board of Trade under this Article and in accordance with any condition attached thereto.

*Channel Islands*

3. Nothing in Article 1 hereof shall be taken to prohibit the importation of any goods which are proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to have been consigned from the Channel Islands, other than—

- (a) dyes, dyestuffs and intermediates, the following:—
  - (i) synthetic organic dyestuffs (including pigment dyestuffs), whether soluble or insoluble;
  - (ii) compounds, preparations and articles manufactured from any such dyestuffs, except any such compounds, preparations and articles as are not suitable for use in dyeing;
  - (iii) organic intermediate products used in the manufacture of any such dyestuffs;
- (b) arms and ammunition, the following:—
  - (i) firearms, lethal, including any lethal barrelled weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged and other weapons of whatever description designed or adapted for the discharge of any noxious liquid, gas or other thing;

- (ii) component parts of any such firearm or other weapon as aforesaid, and any accessory to any such firearm or other weapon designed or adapted to diminish the noise or flash caused by firing the weapon;
  - (iii) ammunition, including grenades, bombs and other like missiles, and any ammunition containing or designed or adapted to contain any noxious liquid, gas or other thing, and component parts of any such ammunition;
- (c) plumage, other than plumage of birds imported alive and other than plumage of birds ordinarily used in the United Kingdom as articles of diet.

*False statements etc*

4. If for the purpose of obtaining a licence under this Order, any person makes any statement or furnishes any document or information which to his knowledge is false in a material particular, or recklessly makes any statement which is false in a material particular, he shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment; and any licence which may have been granted in connection with the application for which the false statement was made or the false document or information was furnished shall be void as from the time when the licence was granted.

*Licences*

5.—(1) Any licence granted under Article 2 hereof may be modified or revoked by the Board of Trade at any time.

(2) Any current licence granted under any Order hereby revoked shall, for the purposes of this Order, have effect as if it had been granted under Article 2 hereof.

*Interpretation and revocation*

6.—(1) In this Order “goods”, unless otherwise specified, means both used and unused goods.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

7. The Import of Goods (Control) Order, 1940(1), the Import of Goods (Control) Order, 1945(2), the Import of Goods (Control) (No. 2) Order, 1945(3), and the Import of Goods (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1952(4), are hereby revoked.

*Citation and Commencement*

8. This Order may be cited as the Import of Goods (Control) Order, 1954, and shall come into operation on the 21st day of January, 1954.

*Ralph M. Nowell*

Dated this 14th day of January, 1954

An Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade

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(1) (Rev. V, p. 472: 1940 I, p. 316).  
(2) (Rev. V, p. 472: 1945 I, p. 156).  
(3) (Rev. V, p. 472: 1945 I, p. 157).  
(4) (1952 I, p. 759).

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Order supersedes the Import of Goods (Control) Order, 1940, as amended.

The principal change is that where false information has been given for the purpose of obtaining a licence, the licence is void from the time when it was granted.