

Draft Bill.

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A BILL

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An Ordinance to amend the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Revenue Protection Amendment Ordinance, 1931.

Addition of new section 3A to Ordinance No. 9 of 1927.

2. The following new section is added after section 3 of the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927:—

Restriction of delivery of dutiable goods.
5 & 6 Geo. 5, c. 89, s. 15.

3A. The Governor may at any time by order authorise the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, during any period named in the order not exceeding four months, to refuse to allow the delivery of dutiable goods or commodities for local use from ship side or warehouse on payment of duty in any cases where deliveries are demanded of amounts exceeding the deliveries which appear to the Superintendent to be reasonable deliveries in the circumstances.

Amendment of Ordinance No. 9 of 1927, s. 4.

3. Section 4 of the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927, is amended by the insertion of the words "or order" after the word "resolution" in subsection (2) (b).

Objects and Reasons.

1. Section 2 of this Ordinance inserts in the principal Ordinance a new section based on section 15 (1) of the Finance Act, (No 2) 1915, as amended by the Finance Act, 1919; but the duration of the order is put at four months instead of three to conform with the provisions of section 4 (2) (d) of the principal Ordinance.

2. Section 3 of this Ordinance amends section 4 (2) (b) of the principal Ordinance so as to make provision for the notification of the withdrawal of any order made under the new section 3A.

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