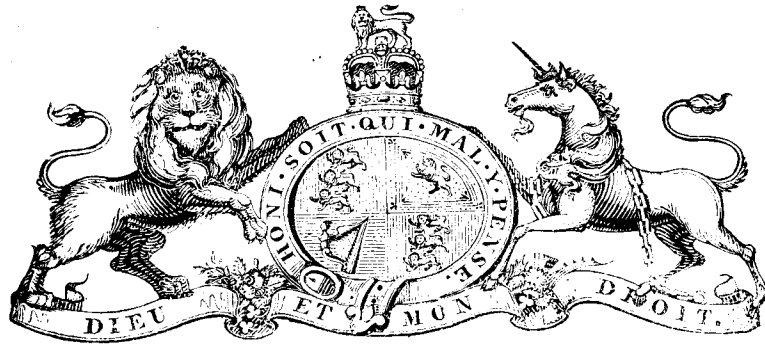


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The following Notification is published,

By command,

**E. R. HALLIFAX,**  
*Colonial Secretary.*

## NOTICES.

No. 638.

### **Hong Kong.**

*Order made by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government under Section 2 of the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927, Ordinance No. 9 of 1927, at 4 p.m. on Thursday the 13th day of October, 1932.*

WHEREAS I, Wilfrid Thomas Southorn, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies, have approved the introduction into the Legislative Council of the bill and resolution hereto annexed and signed by me :

AND WHEREAS certain duties and fees would be imposed or altered if the bill and resolution were to become law :

NOW I, under the powers conferred upon me by the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, do hereby make this Order giving the full force and effect of law to all the provisions of such bill and resolution as long as this Order remains in force.

W. T. SOUTHORN,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

[No. 45:—13.10.32.—1.]

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to secure an increased trade between the Colony and other parts of the British Empire.

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 Empire Preference Ordinance, 1932.

Inter-pretation.

2. In this Ordinance:—

“The British Empire” includes the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State, Newfoundland, India, all British Colonies and all territories under His Majesty’s protection. It shall also include, if for the purposes of this Ordinance the Governor in Council by Order so directs, any territory in respect of which a mandate of the League of Nations is exercised by the Government of any part of His Majesty’s dominions.

“Empire product” in the case of motor vehicle means a vehicle which is substantially manufactured within the British Empire.

“Motor Vehicle” includes motor car, motor lorry, motor omnibus, motor truck, motor bicycle and motor tricycle.

(2) No vehicle shall be deemed to be substantially manufactured within the British Empire unless, in the opinion of the Inspector General of Police, at least one quarter, or such other proportion as the Governor in Council may fix by Order, of its value is the result of labour within the British Empire

Special licence fee for motor vehicles which are not Empire products.

3.—(1) There shall be charged, levied and paid, in respect of the first registration in the Colony of every motor vehicle hereafter registered which, in the opinion of the Inspector General of Police, is not an Empire product, a special licence fee of an amount equal to twenty per cent of the value of such vehicle, including cost freight and insurance, on arrival in the Colony, after deduction of the value of the tyres and of any spare wheels or other spare parts.

(2) Such special licence fee shall be in addition to the ordinary licence fee payable under any Ordinance or regulations relating to the licensing of vehicles.

4. The Governor in Council shall have power to make such regulations as he thinks fit for the carrying out of this Ordinance. Regulations.

W. T. SOUTHORN,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

*Objects and Reasons.*

The Ottawa Conference has made it necessary for all parts of the Empire to support the conclusions there made as far as circumstances permit. The conditions of Hong Kong give few openings for reciprocating in the way of preference, but motor vehicles provide one such opening of which it is proposed to take advantage. A general import duty is possible but it is considered that such a duty might interfere with the entrepôt trade in motor vehicles and it has therefore been decided to recommend that the principle of preference should apply only to motor vehicles registered for use in the Colony and to add 20% of the c.i.f. value to the licence fee of all foreign made motor vehicles on first registration.

C. G. ALABASTER,  
*Attorney General.*

*13th October, 1932.*

LIQUOR DUTIES RESOLUTION.

Resolved pursuant to section 39 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 36 of 1931, that the Table to the Liquor Duties Resolution of the 30th June, 1932 (published by Notification No. 417 of the Gazette of the 30th June, 1932) be amended and that on and after the coming into operation of this Resolution Part I of the Table published in the said notification be rescinded and the following Part substituted:—

**Part I.**

*European Type Liquor.*

	<i>Per gallon</i>
On all liqueurs, and on all champagnes and other sparkling wines ... ..	\$10 00
On all brandy consigned from and grown or produced in the British Empire ... ..	3.00
On all other brandy and on gin, whisky and other spirituous liquors ... ..	6.00
On all port, sherry and madeira... ..	4.00
On all other still wines... ..	3.00
On beer, porter, cider, perry and stout ... ..	0.60
On all intoxicating liquors above the strength of 18 degrees under proof, for every degree above such strength in addition to the appropriate duty as above ... ..	0.07

W. T. SOUTHORN,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*