

# THE RICE ORDINANCE OF 1909.<sup>(1)</sup>

No. 19 of 1909.

## An Ordinance to regulate the Importation of Rice and to authorize the Destruction of Rice which is Not Fit for Human Consumption.

**B**E it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Territory of Papua with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council<sup>(2)</sup> from time to time to fix<sup>(3)</sup> upon a certain quality of rice as the standard quality of rice to be imported into Papua. The standard may be fixed either with reference to the price or otherwise as may seem expedient. If the standard is fixed with direct reference to the quality of the rice a sample of rice of the quality so fixed upon shall be kept for inspection by the public at the offices of Customs at every port of entry in the Territory.

Standard quality of rice to be fixed.

2. Rice which has been declared by a Government Medical Officer to be unfit for human consumption may be seized and destroyed by any Government officer and no compensation shall be paid in respect thereof.

Condemned rice may be destroyed.

3. Upon all rice of or above standard quality imported into the Territory of Papua there shall be levied collected and paid to His Majesty a duty of Customs at the rate of Ten shillings a ton and upon all rice below the said quality a duty of Customs at the rate of Two pounds a ton.

Customs duties to be charged.

(1) Particulars of this Ordinance are as follows:—

Date of assent by Lieut.-Gov.	Date notified in Papua <i>Govt. Gaz.</i> as not disallowed by Gov.-Gen. in Council.	Date on which came into operation.
8.6.1909	(a)	8.6.1909 ( <i>Statute Law of Papua, 1888 to 1916, Vol. III, p. 1003</i> )

(a) No notice of non-disallowance has been published in Papua *Govt. Gaz.*

(2) See Section 19(2) of the *Ordinance Interpretation Ordinance, 1911-1940.*

(3) A notice dated 3.1.1911 and published in Papua *Govt. Gaz.* of 1.2.1911 provided as follows:

"Attention is hereby directed to 'The Rice Ordinance of 1909' under which it is provided that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, from time to time, fix upon a certain quality of Rice as the standard quality of Rice to be imported into the Territory.

By Order in Council as above provided, a standard quality has been fixed to take effect as from the 31st January 1911, and may be inspected at any of the Customs Offices of the Territory."

RICE—

Examination  
of rice.

4. In cases where a Customs officer is of opinion that rice is below the standard quality he shall submit a sample to a Board consisting of himself the Government Medical Officer (or if there is no Government Medical Officer or if his services are not available a magistrate) and some other person not a Government officer to be selected by the said Customs officer.

The decision of the Board shall be final.

Short title.

5. This Ordinance may be cited as *The Rice Ordinance of 1909.*<sup>(1)</sup>

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(1) See footnote (1) printed on p. 3993.