

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1920.

A BILL

To provide for the standardisation of the size and weights of blankets; to forbid the manufacture and sale of blankets not of standard size or weight; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Blankets Standardisation Act, 1920," and shall come into force upon a date to be proclaimed by the Governor in the Gazette.

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mencement.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates or requires,— Interpretation.

“ Prescribed ” means prescribed by regulation to be made under this Act.

“ Quarter ” as a measure of size means nine inches, long measure.

“ Union blanket ” means any blanket made partly of wool and partly of any other textile fabric.

“ Woollen blanket ” means any blanket made wholly of wool.

3. (1) From and after the coming into force of this Act, every person who, in New South Wales, manufactures, sells, or offers or exposes for sale, or has in his possession for the purpose of sale, any blanket which is not of a standard size and weight, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Offence of manufacturing, selling, &c., blankets not of standard size and weight.

(2) A blanket shall be deemed to be not of standard size if its dimensions are not in accordance with one of the sizes set out in the first column of the Schedule hereto. Standard size.

(3) A blanket shall be deemed to be not of standard weight if— Standard weight.

(a) in the case of a woollen blanket it weighs less in pounds avoirdupois than the weight set out in the second column of the Schedule hereto opposite the figures indicating the size of the blanket; or

(b) in the case of a union blanket it weighs less in pounds avoirdupois than the weight set out in the third column of the Schedule hereto opposite to the figures indicating the size of the blanket.

4. From and after the coming into force of this Act every person who, in New South Wales, sells, or offers or exposes for sale, or has in his possession for the purpose of sale, any blanket which has not attached to it a ticket or label of the form and description and in the manner prescribed and having written or printed thereon the particulars prescribed, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Offence. Selling, &c., blanket without prescribed ticket or label.

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5. Any member of the police force of New South Wales may upon the written authority of the Minister— Police may enter, &c.

- (1) at any time between the hours of and enter into and upon any factory, warehouse, shop, or other premises or vessel for the purpose of searching for, inspecting, measuring, weighing, and otherwise dealing under the provisions of this Act with any blankets which are or are supposed to be therein;
- (2) call upon the owner, occupier, or person carrying on business in such factory, warehouse, shop, premises or vessel, or having charge of the same respectively, to produce to him all such blankets;
- (3) take samples of any such blankets in the manner prescribed for the purpose of testing and examination as prescribed.

6. Any person who obstructs or hinders any such member of the police force acting under the last preceding section, or who refuses or neglects to produce any such blankets, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Offence. Hindering, &c., police.

7. (1) Any person who is convicted of an offence Penalty. against this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding pounds for a first offence, and not exceeding pounds for a second or any subsequent offence, and in either case where any offence is of a continuous nature to a penalty not exceeding pounds for each day or part thereof upon which such offence is committed.

(2) In addition to the imposition of any such Forfeiture. penalty the court imposing the same may order the forfeiture to His Majesty of any blankets in respect of which an offence has been committed, irrespective of the ownership of such blankets. Blankets so forfeited shall be dealt with as prescribed.

8. (1) The Governor may make regulations for the Regulations. purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act. Such regulations may impose a penalty not exceeding pounds for any breach thereof.

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- (2) Such regulations shall—
- (i) be published in the Gazette;
 - (ii) take effect from the date of publication, or from a later date to be specified in such regulations; and
 - (iii) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication if Parliament is in session, and if not then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next session. If either House of Parliament passes a resolution of which notice has been given at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.

SCHEDULE.

Standard Size.	Standard Weight, Woollen Blankets.	Standard Weight, Union Blankets.
Ordinary Blankets—	lb.	lb.
Eight Quarter : length, 72 inches breadth, 54 inches.	$2\frac{1}{8}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$
Nine Quarter : length, 81 inches breadth, 63 inches.	$2\frac{3}{4}$	3
Ten Quarter : length, 90 inches breadth, 72 inches.	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$
Eleven Quarter : length, 99 inches breadth, 81 inches.	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{5}{8}$
Twelve Quarter : length, 108 inches breadth, 90 inches.	$5\frac{1}{4}$	$5\frac{5}{8}$
Cot Blankets—		
Five Quarter : length, 45 inches breadth, 27 inches.	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$
Six Quarter : length, 54 inches breadth, 36 inches.	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{4}$
Seven Quarter : length, 63 inches breadth, 45 inches.	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$