

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

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# A BILL

To regulate the unshipping, delivery, receipt, storing, and disposal of goods in the port of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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**B**E 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 Sydney Port Short title. (Goods Delivery) Act, 1918," and shall be construed with the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act.

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2. This Act shall commence and come into force on a date to be notified by proclamation of the Governor published in the Gazette. Commencement.

3. The following new Part is inserted next after Part III of the Principal Act :— New Part.

PART IIIA.

THE UNSHIPING AND DELIVERY OF GOODS.

67A. This Part shall apply to goods unshipped upon any wharf vested in the Commissioners and consigned from any place outside the Commonwealth, and to goods so unshipped or consigned from any place within the Commonwealth to which the Governor, by proclamation in the Gazette, applies the provisions of this Part, except goods in respect of which a transshipment entry has been passed or lodged in accordance with the provisions of section sixty-nine of this Act. Application of this Part.

67B. Goods shall not be unshipped upon any such wharf unless they are delivered to the lessee of the wharf or to a wharfinger licensed in pursuance of the regulations, hereinafter in this Act termed a "licensed wharfinger." Goods to be delivered to lessee or licensed wharfinger.

67C. The lessee or the licensed wharfinger to whom such goods are so delivered shall, as agent for the consignee, give a receipt therefor to the master of the vessel, and shall, subject to regulations made under this Part, be responsible to the consignee for such goods, and shall deliver them to the consignee, or dispose of them in accordance with such regulations. Receipt and delivery.

67D. (1) The Commissioners may, with the approval of the Governor, make regulations generally for carrying out the provisions of this Part, and in particular for— Regulations.

- (a) regulating and controlling the unshipping, receiving, handling, sorting, stacking, and delivering of goods, and fixing the maximum charges which may be imposed and collected therefor, and providing for enforcing the payment of such charges;
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- (b) providing for the licensing of wharfingers and the security to be given by them ;
- (c) limiting the liability of lessees and licensed wharfingers in respect of goods received by them ;
- (d) limiting the period within which claims may be made against lessees or licensed wharfingers in respect of such goods ;
- (e) providing for the removal, storing, and disposal of goods of which delivery has not been taken by consignees and prescribing the period within which such delivery must be taken ;
- (f) prescribing the statements to be furnished by the master of any vessel to the Commissioners and to any lessee or licensed wharfinger ; and
- (g) imposing penalties not exceeding *one hundred* pounds for breach of any such regulation.

(2) Any regulations under this Part shall be published in the Gazette, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after such publication, or if Parliament is not then sitting, within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament. Publication of regulations.

If either House of Parliament passes a resolution 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.

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