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1910, No. 4.

AN ACT to prohibit the Importation, Manufacture, and Sale of
Matches made with White Phosphorus.

[17th September, 1910.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Phosphorus Matches Act, 1910; and shall, except as otherwise expressly provided, come into operation on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twelve. Short Title.

2. For the purposes of this Act—

“Factory” and “occupier” have the same meanings as are attached to those terms by the Factories Act, 1908:

“White phosphorus” means the substance usually known as white or yellow phosphorus. Interpretation.

3. It shall not be lawful to import into New Zealand matches made with white phosphorus; and matches so made shall be included among the goods enumerated and described in the Third Schedule to the Customs Law Act, 1908. Prohibition of importation.

4. (1.) Every occupier of a factory is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred pounds who uses or permits the use of white phosphorus in the manufacture of matches in that factory. Fine for using white phosphorus in manufacture of matches.

(2.) The occupier of any factory in which the manufacture of matches is carried on shall allow an Inspector under the Factories Act, 1908, at any time to take for analysis sufficient samples of any material in use or mixed for use, and if he refuses to do so shall be guilty of obstructing the Inspector in the execution of his duties under that Act.

Prohibition of sale.

5. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell, or to offer or expose for sale, or to have in his possession for the purposes of sale, any matches made with white phosphorus; and if any person contravenes the provisions of this section he may, on complaint to a Magistrate, be ordered to forfeit any such matches in his possession, and any matches so forfeited shall be destroyed or otherwise dealt with as the Magistrate thinks fit: but this provision shall not come into operation until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirteen.