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## CHAPTER 71

## EXCHANGE CONTROL

*An Act relating to exchange control.*

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## PART I

*Preliminary*

1. This Act may be cited as the *Exchange Control Act*.

Short title.

2. (1) For the purposes of this Act

Interpreta-  
tion.

"authorised dealer" means, in relation to gold or any foreign currency, a person for the time being authorised by an order of the Authority to act for the purposes of this Act as an authorised dealer in relation to gold or, as the case may be, that foreign currency;

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"authorised depositary" means a person for the time being authorised by an order of the Authority to act as an authorised depositary for the purposes of Part IV;

"Authority" means the Exchange Control Authority prescribed in section 3;

"bearer certificate" means a certificate of title to securities by the delivery of which (with or without endorsement) the title to the securities is transferable;

"certificate of title to securities" means any document of title whereby a person recognises the title of another to securities issued or to be issued by the first-mentioned person and, in the case of any such

document with coupons (whether attached or on a separate coupon sheet), includes any coupons which have not been detached;

"coupon" means a coupon representing dividends or interest on a security;

"foreign currency" has the meaning ascribed to it by section 4;

"gold" means gold coin or gold bullion;

"policy of assurance" means any policy securing the payment of a capital sum or annuity on the occurrence of a specified event which is certain to happen and includes

(a) any policy by which the payment of money is assured on death (except death by accident only) or the happening of any contingency dependent on human life; and

(b) any policy securing the payment of an immediate annuity;

and the reference in this definition to the occurrence of a specified event which is certain to happen shall include the occurrence, which is certain to happen, of one of specified events none of which by itself is certain to happen;

"prescribed" means prescribed, for the purposes of the provision in question, by order of the Authority;

"secondary securities" has the meaning ascribed to it by section 22;

"securities" means shares, stock, bonds, notes (other than promissory notes), debentures, debenture stock, Treasury bills, units under a unit trust scheme and shares in an oil royalty;

"specified currency" has the meaning ascribed to it by section 5, as extended by section 7;

"unit trust scheme" means any arrangements made for the purpose, or having the effect, of providing for persons having funds available for investment facilities for the participation by them, as beneficiaries under a trust, in profits or income arising from the acquisition, holding, management or disposal of any property whatsoever;

"unit" means in relation to a unit trust scheme, a right or interest (whether described as a unit, as a sub-unit or otherwise) which may be acquired under the scheme.

(2) Any provision of this Act (however worded) the effect of which is to prohibit the doing of any act where a person to or by whom the act is to be done or who stands in a specified

relation to any property possesses any specified attribute as to residence or otherwise shall, where the act is done to or by two or more persons or, as the case may be, where two or more persons stand jointly in that relation to the property, operate to prohibit the doing of that act if any of those persons possess that attribute; and any provision of this Act imposing an obligation on any person to do an act if he possesses any specified attribute as to residence or otherwise shall, in relation to any act which can only be done by two or more persons jointly—

- (a) where all those persons possess that attribute, operate to impose a joint obligation on all of them to do the act; and
- (b) where some only of them possess that attribute, operate to impose a separate obligation on each one of them who possesses that attribute to do all he can to secure the doing of the act.

(3) Any power conferred by this Act to prescribe the declarations which are to be furnished on any occasion shall include a power to require that the declarations shall be made by specified persons and shall be verified in a specified manner.

(4) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring the Authority to pay any sum otherwise than in Barbados dollars or otherwise than in the Island, and any provision of this Act requiring the Authority to pay any sum to any person shall, where that sum is in a specified currency, be construed as a provision that the Authority shall pay to that person the amount in Barbados dollars which he would have received for the specified currency if he had sold it to an authorised dealer in pursuance of an offer made under section 5 at the time when the said sum is paid. 1974-13.

(5) The obligations and prohibitions imposed by this Act shall, subject to the express limitations contained therein, apply to all persons, notwithstanding that they are not citizens of Barbados.

(6) In this Act references to “Barbados dollars” are references to currency of any denomination of dollars or cents issued under any law in force in the Island. 1974-13.

3. (1) The Minister responsible for Finance shall be responsible for administering this Act and shall be the Exchange Control Authority for the purposes of this Act. Exchange Control Authority.

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- 1972-6. (2) The Minister may by order delegate the performance of any of his functions as Exchange Control Authority under this Act to the Central Bank of Barbados established by section 3 of the Central Bank of Barbados Act.
- Cap. 323C.

## PART II

### *Gold and Foreign Currency*

Dealings in  
gold and  
foreign  
currency.

4. (1) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person, other than an authorised dealer, shall, in the Island, buy or borrow any gold or foreign currency from, or sell or lend any gold or foreign currency to, any person other than an authorised dealer.

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(2) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in Barbados, other than an authorised dealer, shall, in the Island, do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to buying or borrowing any gold or foreign currency from, or selling or lending any gold or foreign currency to, any person outside the Island.

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(3) Where a person buys or borrows any gold or foreign currency in the Island or, being a person resident in Barbados, does any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to the buying or borrowing of gold or foreign currency outside the Island, he shall comply with such conditions as to the use to which it may be put or the period for which it may be retained as may from time to time be notified to him by the Authority.

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(4) In this Act, "foreign currency" means any currency other than the Barbados dollar which is or has at any time been legal tender in any place outside Barbados and any reference to foreign currency, except so far as the context otherwise requires, includes a reference to a right to receive foreign currency in respect of any credit or balance at a bank or other institution.

Surrender  
of gold and  
foreign  
currency.

5. (1) Every person in the Island who is entitled to sell, or to procure the sale of, any gold or any foreign currency to which this section applies, and is not an authorised dealer, shall offer it, or cause it to be offered, for sale to an authorised dealer, unless the Authority consents to his retention and use

thereof or he disposes thereof to any other person with the permission of the Authority.

The foreign currency to which this section applies is such foreign currency (hereafter in this Act referred to as "specified currency") as may from time to time be specified by order of the Authority.

(2) Where a person who has obtained the consent of the Authority to his retention and use of any gold or specified currency and has stated in an application for the consent that he requires it for a particular purpose, no longer requires the gold or currency for that purpose, subsection (1) shall thereupon apply to him in relation to that gold or currency as if the Authority had revoked his consent to his retention and use thereof.

(3) A person who acquires any gold or specified currency from an authorised dealer shall be treated for the purposes of this section as if the Authority had consented to the retention and use by him of that gold or currency (subject, however, to any conditions notified to him in accordance with subsection (3) of section 4) and as if any statement made by him in an application for that gold or currency as to the purpose for which he requires it had been made by him in an application for the Authority's consent to his retention and use thereof.

(4) Where a person has become bound under this section to offer or cause to be offered any gold or specified currency for sale to an authorised dealer, he shall not be deemed to comply with that obligation by any offer made or caused to be made by him, if the offer is an offer to sell at a price exceeding that authorised by the Authority, or without payment of any usual and proper charges of the authorised dealer, or otherwise on any unusual terms.

(5) Where a person has become bound under this section to offer or cause to be offered any gold or specified currency for sale to an authorised dealer and has not complied with that obligation, the Authority may direct that that gold or currency shall vest in the Authority, and it shall vest in the Authority accordingly free from any mortgage, pledge or charge, and the Authority may deal with it as he thinks fit, but the Authority shall pay to the person who would but for the direction be entitled to the gold or currency such sum as

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he would have received therefor if he had sold it to an authorised dealer in pursuance of an offer made under this section at the time when the vesting occurred.

(6) In any proceedings in respect of a failure to comply with this section it shall be presumed, until the contrary is shown, that the gold or currency in question has not been offered for sale to an authorised dealer.

Bailees of  
gold and  
foreign  
currency.

6. (1) Every person in the Island by whom or to whose order (whether directly or indirectly) any gold or any specified currency in the form of notes is held in the Island but who is not entitled to sell it or procure its sale shall notify the Authority in writing that he so holds that gold or currency.

(2) The Authority may direct any person in the Island by whom or to whose order (whether directly or indirectly) any gold or any specified currency in the form of notes is held in the Island, whether or not he is entitled to sell it or procure its sale, to cause that gold or currency to be kept at all times in the custody of such banker as may be specified in the direction.

Travellers'  
cheques, etc.

7. (1) This section applies to any document of a kind intended to enable the person to whom the document is issued to obtain foreign currency from some other person on the credit of the person issuing it, and in particular to any traveller's cheque or other draft or letter of credit so intended.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, the person issuing a document to which this section applies, and the person to whom it is issued, shall be deemed respectively to sell and buy foreign currency and where foreign currency is obtained by means of the document to sell and buy that foreign currency.

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(3) Any such document not expressed in terms of Barbados dollars shall, if it is of a kind intended to enable the person to whom it is issued to obtain any specified currency, be treated also for the purposes of this Act as itself being specified currency.

1974-13.

(4) Every person in the Island who holds or to whose order there is held any document to which this section applies, being a document expressed in terms of Barbados dollars, shall encash it or cause it to be encashed in Barbados with the person issuing it or with a banker, unless the Authority consents to his

retention and use thereof and, where in his application for that consent he has stated that he required it for a particular purpose, unless also he still requires it for that purpose.

(5) A person who acquires any document to which subsection (4) applies from an authorised dealer shall be treated for the purposes of that subsection as if the Authority had consented to the retention and use by him of that document (subject, however, to any conditions notified to him in accordance with subsection (3) of section 4), and as if any statement made by him in an application for that document as to the purposes for which he requires it had been made by him in an application for the Authority's consent to his retention and use thereof.

### PART III

#### *Payments*

**8.** Except with the permission of the Authority, no person shall do any of the following things in the Island, that is to say— Payments in the Island.

- (a) make any payment to or for the credit of a person resident outside Barbados; or 1974-13.
- (b) make any payment to or for the credit of a person resident in Barbados by order or on behalf of a person resident outside Barbados; or
- (c) place any sum to the credit of any person resident outside Barbados:

Provided that where a person resident outside Barbados has paid a sum in or towards the satisfaction of debt due from him, paragraph (c) shall not prohibit the acknowledgement or recording of the payment.

**9.** (1) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in Barbados shall, subject to this section, in the Island do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to, the making of any payment outside the Island to or for the credit of a person resident outside Barbados. Payments outside the Island.  
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(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the doing of anything otherwise lawful by any person with any foreign currency

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obtained by him in accordance with Part II or retained by him in pursuance of a consent of the Authority.

Compensation deals.  
1974-13.

**10.** (1) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person shall in Barbados make any payment to or for the credit of a person resident in Barbados and no person resident in Barbados shall in Barbados do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to the making of any such payment outside Barbados, as consideration for or in association with—

- (a) the receipt outside Barbados of any moneys due to a resident of Barbados or to any other person in respect of the sale of any property located in Barbados or goods exported from Barbados or services performed in Barbados; or
- (b) the acquisition by any resident of Barbados of any property located outside Barbados; or
- (c) the transfer to any person, or the creation in favour of any person, of a right (whether present or future and whether vested or contingent) to receive a payment outside Barbados or to acquire property located outside Barbados.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the making of any payment in accordance with the terms of a permission or consent granted under this Act.

#### PART IV

##### *Securities*

Issue of securities.  
1974-13.

**11.** (1) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person shall in the Island issue any security or do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to the issuing outside the Island of any security which is registered or to be registered in the Island, unless the following requirements are fulfilled, that is to say—

- (a) neither the person to whom the security is to be issued nor the person, if any, for whom he is to be a nominee is resident outside Barbados; and
- (b) the prescribed evidence is produced to the person issuing the security as to the residence of the person to

whom it is to be issued and that of the person, if any, for whom he is to be a nominee.

(2) The subscription for membership in or for shares of a company to be incorporated under the *Companies Act*, by a person resident outside Barbados or by a nominee for another person so resident, shall, unless he subscribes for the shares with the permission of the Authority, be invalid in so far as it would on incorporation have the effect of making him a member or shareholder of the company, but this provision does not render invalid the incorporation of the company.

Cap. 308.  
1982—54.

12. (1) Except with the permission of the Authority, a security registered in Barbados shall not be transferred, and a security not so registered shall not be transferred in Barbados, unless, in either case, the following requirements are fulfilled, that is to say

Transfer of  
securities  
and  
coupons.  
1974—13.

- (a) neither the transferor nor the person, if any, for whom he is a nominee is resident outside Barbados; and
- (b) the transferor delivers to the transferee at or before the time of the transfer the prescribed declarations as to his residence and that of the person, if any, for whom he is a nominee; and
- (c) neither the transferee nor the person, if any, for whom he is to be a nominee is resident outside Barbados; and
- (d) except where the security is registered in Barbados otherwise than in a subsidiary register, the Authority is satisfied that the requirements of paragraph (c) are fulfilled:

Provided that

- (i) neither the transferee nor his agent shall be deemed to have committed an offence by reason only that the requirements of paragraph (a) were not fulfilled, unless the transferee or, as the case may be, his agent knew or had reason to believe that those requirements were not fulfilled; and

(ii) neither the transferor nor his agent shall be deemed to have committed an offence by reason only that any of the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) have not been fulfilled, unless, in the case of a non-fulfilment of the requirements of paragraph (c), the transferor or, as the case may be, his agent knew or had reason to believe that those requirements were not fulfilled.

(2) Except with the permission of the Authority, a security not registered in Barbados shall not be transferred outside Barbados if either the transferor or the transferee, or the person, if any, for whom the transferor or transferee is or is to be a nominee, is resident in Barbados.

(3) Except with the permission of the Authority

(a) no coupon shall be transferred in Barbados if either the transferee or the person, if any, for whom he is to be a nominee is resident outside Barbados;

(b) no person shall in Barbados do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to the transfer of any coupon outside Barbados if either the transferor or transferee, or the person, if any, for whom the transferor or transferee is or is to be a nominee, is resident in Barbados.

Issue of  
bearer  
certificates  
and coupons.  
1974—13.

13. Except with the permission of the Authority, no person shall, in Barbados, issue any bearer certificate or coupon or so alter any document that it becomes a bearer certificate or coupon, and no person resident in Barbados, shall in Barbados do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to such issue or alteration outside Barbados.

Substitution  
of securities  
and certifi-  
cates outside  
Barbados.

14. Except with the permission of the Authority

(1) no person in Barbados shall do any act with intent to secure

(a) that a security which is

(i) registered in Barbados; or

- (ii) transferable by means of a bearer certificate in the Island, becomes, or is replaced by, a security registered outside the Island or a security transferable by means of a bearer certificate outside the Island; or
  - (b) that a certificate of title to any other security is issued outside the Island in substitution for or in addition to a certificate of title thereto which is in, or is or has been lost or destroyed in, the Island;
- (2) no person resident in Barbados shall in the Island do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to any such transaction outside the Island as is referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (1). 1974-13.

**15.** Except with the permission of the Authority—

- (1) no person in the Island shall do any act with intent to secure that capital moneys payable on a security registered in the Island are paid outside the Island or that, where the certificate of title to a security is in the Island, capital moneys payable on the security are paid outside the Island without production of the certificate to the person making the payment; Payment of capital moneys outside the Island.
- (2) no person resident in Barbados shall in the Island do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to any such transaction outside the Island as is referred to in paragraph (1). 1974-13.

**16.** Except with the permission of the Authority, no person concerned with the keeping of any register in the Island shall— Duties of persons keeping registers.

- (a) enter in the register the name of any person in relation to any security, unless there has been produced to him the prescribed evidence that the entry does not form part of a transaction which involves the doing of anything prohibited by this Act; or
- (b) enter in the register, in respect of any security, an address outside Barbados, except for the purpose of any transaction for which the permission of the Authority 1974-13.

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has been granted with the knowledge that it involved the entry of that address; or

- (c) do any act in relation to the register which recognises or gives effect to any act appearing to him to have been done with such intent as is mentioned in sections 14 and 15, whether done by a person in or resident in the Island or not.

Additional provisions as to nominee holdings.  
1974-13.

**17.** (1) Where—

- (a) the holder of a security is a nominee and the person for whom he is a nominee is resident outside Barbados; or
- (b) the holder of a security is not a nominee and is resident outside Barbados,

then, except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in the Island shall do any act whereby the holder becomes his nominee in respect of the security.

(2) Except with the permission of the Authority, a person resident in the Island for whom the holder of a security is a nominee shall not do any act whereby—

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- (a) the holder, being a person resident outside Barbados, holds the security otherwise than as his nominee; or

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- (b) the holder, not being a person resident outside Barbados, holds the security as nominee for a person resident outside Barbados.

(3) Where the holder of a security is a nominee, then, except with the permission of the Authority, neither he, if he is resident in the Island, nor any person resident in the Island through whose agency the exercise of all or any of the holder's rights in respect of the security is controlled, shall—

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- (a) do any act whereby he recognises or gives effect to the substitution of another person as the person from whom he directly receives his instructions, unless both the person previously instructing him and the person substituted for that person were, immediately before the substitution, resident in Barbados and not elsewhere; or

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- (b) do any act whereby he ceases to be a person bound to give effect to the instructions of another person in relation to the security, unless the person who theretofore instructed him is resident in Barbados and not elsewhere.

(4) Where the holder of a security is not a nominee and is resident in the Island then, except with the permission of the Authority, he shall not do any act whereby he becomes the nominee of another person in respect of the security, unless that other person is resident in Barbados and not elsewhere.

1974-13.

(5) No person resident in Barbados shall in the Island do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to any such transaction outside the Island as is referred to in this section.

1974-13.

**18.** (1) This section and section 19 shall apply to any security except—

Deposit of  
certificates  
of title.

(a) a security which is registered in the Island otherwise than in a subsidiary register and on which none of the dividends or interest is payable on presentment of a coupon; and

(b) any such other securities as may be prescribed;

and in the following provisions of this section and in section 19 the expressions "security", "certificate of title" and "coupon" mean respectively a security to which the said sections apply, a certificate of title to such a security, and a coupon representing dividends or interest on such a security.

(2) It shall be the duty of every person by whom or to whose order (whether directly or indirectly) a certificate of title is held in the Island and of every person resident in the Island by whom or to whose order (whether directly or indirectly) a certificate of title is held outside the Island to cause the certificate of title to be kept at all times, except with the permission of the Authority, in the custody of an authorised depositary, and nothing in this Part shall prohibit the doing of anything for the purpose of complying with the requirements of this subsection.

(3) Except with the permission of the Authority, an authorised depositary shall not part with any certificate of title or coupon required under this section to be in the custody of an authorised depositary:

Provided that this subsection shall not prohibit an authorised depositary—

(a) from parting with a certificate of title or coupon to

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or to the order of another authorised depositary, where the person from whom the other authorised depositary is to receive instructions in relation thereto is to be the same as the person from whom he receives instructions;

- (b) from parting with a certificate of title, for the purpose of obtaining payment of capital moneys payable on the security, to the person entrusted with payment thereof;
- (c) from parting with a coupon in the ordinary course for collection.

(4) Except with the permission of the Authority, no capital moneys, interest or dividends shall be paid in the Island on any security except to or to the order of an authorised depositary having the custody of the certificate of title to that security, so however, that this subsection shall not be taken as restricting the manner in which any sums lawfully paid on account of the capital moneys, interest or dividends may be dealt with by the person receiving them.

(5) Except with the permission of the Authority, an authorised depositary shall not do any act whereby he recognises or gives effect to the substitution of one person for another as the person from whom he receives instructions in relation to a certificate of title or coupon, unless there is produced to him the prescribed evidence that he is not by so doing giving effect to any transaction which is prohibited by this Act.

(6) Where a certificate of title which under this section should for the time being be in the custody of an authorised depositary is not in the custody of an authorised depositary, then, except with the permission of the Authority, no person shall in the Island buy, sell, transfer, or do anything which affects his rights or powers in relation to the security, or do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to any such transaction outside the Island.

(7) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person in or resident in the Island shall, in the case of a certificate of title with coupons (whether attached or on separate coupon sheets), detach any of the coupons otherwise than in the ordinary course for collection.

**19.** (1) Where a certificate of title to a security is by section 18 required to be and is in the custody of an authorised depositary, this section shall, except so far as the Authority otherwise directs, have effect in relation thereto until—

Additional provisions as to deposited certificates.

- (a) there are delivered to him the prescribed declarations as to the ownership of the security and the residence of the owners thereof; and
- (b) in the case of a certificate of title which—
  - (i) would ordinarily be accompanied by coupons (whether attached or on separate coupon sheets); but
  - (ii) when it comes into the custody of the authorised depositary wants, in order to render it complete, any coupons which would not in the ordinary course have been detached for collection,there have also been deposited with him the coupons so wanting at the time when the certificate of title comes into his custody:

Provided that where the said declarations have been delivered to an authorised depositary and he has parted with the certificate of title, paragraph (a) shall not again apply on the certificate coming into the custody of another authorised depositary or again coming into his own custody.

(2) Except with the permission of the Authority, the authorised depositary shall not part with or destroy the certificate of title or any coupons belonging thereto, otherwise than as mentioned in paragraphs (b) and (c) of the proviso to subsection (3) of section 18 or do any act whereby he recognises or gives effect to the substitution of one person for another as the person from whom he receives instructions in relation thereto:

Provided that, where the person from whom an authorised depositary receives instructions in relation to any certificate of title becomes bankrupt in the Island or dies, this subsection shall not prohibit the authorised depositary from recognising the trustee in bankruptcy or personal representative as the person entitled to give instructions in relation to the certificate of title.

(3) The authorised depositary shall place any capital moneys, dividends or interest on the security received by him

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to the credit of the person by virtue of whose authority he received them but shall not permit any part of the sums received to be dealt with except with the permission of the Authority.

Special provisions as to dealings in certain securities.

**20.** (1) The Authority may, if in his opinion there are circumstances rendering it necessary or expedient so to do, by order direct that this section shall apply to such securities as may be prescribed, being securities on which capital moneys, dividends or interest are payable in a specified currency or as respects which the holder has an option to require payment of any capital moneys, dividends or interest thereon in a specified currency.

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(2) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person shall, in the Island, transfer, or do anything which affects his rights or powers in relation to, any security to which this section applies, and no person resident in Barbados shall in the Island do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to any such transaction outside the Island.

Validation of certain transfers. 1968-18.

**21.** (1) The title of any person to a security for which he has given value on a transfer thereof, and the title of all persons claiming through or under him, shall, notwithstanding that the transfer, or any previous transfer, or the issue of the security, was by reason of the residence of any person concerned other than the first-mentioned person prohibited by this Act or by the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940,<sup>1</sup> relating to the transfer or issue of securities, be valid unless the first-mentioned person had notice of the facts by reason of which it was prohibited.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Authority may issue a certificate declaring, in relation to a security, that any acts done before the issue of the certificate purporting to effect the issue or transfer of the security, being acts which were prohibited by this Act or by the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940, are to be, and are always to have been, as valid as if they had been done with the permission of the Authority, and the said acts shall have effect accordingly.

(3) Nothing in this section shall affect the liability of any person to prosecution for any offence against this Act.

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<sup>1</sup> See Proclamations, Orders and Regulations of Barbados (1940), pp. 311 ff.

**22.** (1) This Part shall apply, with such modifications (if any) as may be prescribed, in relation to any such document as is mentioned in subsection (2) as if the document created and were the certificate of title to, a security (hereafter in this Act referred to as a “secondary security”).

Application  
of Part IV to  
secondary  
securities.

(2) The documents referred to in subsection (1) are any letter of allotment which may be renounced, any letter of rights, any warrant conferring an option to acquire a security, any deposit certificate in respect of securities (but not including a receipt by an authorised depositary for any certificate of title deposited in pursuance of this Part) and such other documents conferring, or containing evidence of, rights as may be prescribed.

**23.** (1) For the purposes of this Part—

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tion of  
Part IV.

- (a) the expression “registered” includes inscribed;
- (b) the expressions “registered in the Island” and “registered outside the Island” mean, respectively, registered in a register in, and registered in a register outside, the Island;
- (c) the expression “security which is registered in the Island otherwise than in a subsidiary register” means a security which either—
  - (i) is registered in the Island and is not and cannot without the necessity for an entry in the register in the Island become registered outside; or
  - (ii) is registered both in the Island and outside but on a transfer cannot, without the necessity for an entry in the register in the Island, become registered outside in the name of the transferee; and
- (d) the expression “a register” includes any book, file or index in which securities are registered.

(2) For the purposes of any provision of this Part prohibiting the transfer of securities, a person shall be deemed to transfer a security if he executes any instrument of transfer thereof, whether effective or not, and shall be deemed to transfer it at the place where he executes the instrument.

(3) References in this Part to the person holding a certificate of title or coupon shall be construed as references to the person

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having physical custody of the certificate of title or coupon:

Provided that where the certificate of title or coupon is deposited with any person in a locked or sealed receptacle from which he is not entitled to remove it without the authority of some other person, that other person shall be deemed for the purposes of this provision to have the physical custody thereof.

(4) For the purposes of this Part, the expression “holder”—

(a) in relation to a security transferable by means of a bearer certificate or to a coupon, includes the person holding the certificate or coupon; and

(b) in relation to a security which is registered in the name of a deceased person or of any person who, by reason of bankruptcy, unsoundness of mind or any other disability is incapable of transferring the security, means the personal representative, trustee in bankruptcy or other person entitled to transfer the security.

(5) The holder of a security or coupon shall be deemed for the purposes of this Part to be a nominee in respect thereof if, as respects the exercise of any rights in respect thereof, he is not entitled to exercise those rights except in accordance with instructions given by some other person, and references in this Part to the person for whom the holder of a security or coupon is a nominee shall be construed as references to the person who is entitled to give instructions, either directly or through the agency of one or more persons, as to the exercise of any rights in respect of the security or coupon and is not, in so doing, himself under a duty to comply with instructions given by some other person:

Provided that—

(a) a person shall not, by reason only that he has a controlling interest in a body corporate, be deemed for the purposes of this subsection to be entitled to give instructions to that body corporate as to the exercise of rights in respect of any security or coupon of which it is the holder; and

(b) a person shall not be deemed to hold a security or coupon as a nominee by reason only that he holds it

as a trustee if he is entitled to transfer the security or coupon without permission from any other person.

(6) A certificate of title shall not for the purposes of this Part be treated as in the custody of an authorised depositary if either—

- (a) the depositary has no notice of the nature of the certificate; or
- (b) the certificate is deposited with him in a locked or sealed receptacle from which he is not entitled to remove it without the authority of some other person.

(7) Where a certificate of title outside the Island is by this Part required to be kept in the custody of an authorised depositary, it shall be deemed to be in the custody of an authorised depositary if—

- (a) by his direction or with his assent it is in the custody of some other person who holds it on behalf of and to the order of the authorised depositary; and
- (b) the certificate is not deposited with that other person in a locked or sealed receptacle from which he is not entitled to remove it without the authority of a person other than himself;

and where a certificate of title is by virtue of this subsection deemed to be in the custody of an authorised depositary, references in this Part to the depositary parting with the certificate or a coupon belonging thereto shall be construed as references to his permitting the person having the actual custody thereof to part with it otherwise than to the depositary, and references to his destroying the certificate or such a coupon shall be construed as references to his permitting it to be destroyed.

## PART V

### *Import and Export*

**24.** (1) The importation into the Island of—

- (a) any notes of a class which are or have at any time been legal tender in the Island; and
- (b) any such other notes as may be specified by order of the

Restrictions  
on import.  
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Authority, being notes issued by a bank or notes of a class which are or have at any time been legal tender in any place outside the Island; and

- (c) any certificate of title to any security, including any such certificate which has been cancelled, and any document certifying the destruction, loss or cancellation of any certificate of title to a security,

is hereby prohibited except with the permission of the Authority.

(2) In this section the expression “note” includes part of a note and the expression “security” includes a secondary security.

General  
restrictions  
on export.  
1974-13.

**25.** (1) The exportation from the Island of—

- (a) any notes of a class which are or have at any time been legal tender in the Island or in any other country; and
- (b) any postal orders; and
- (c) any gold; and
- (d) any of the following documents (including any such document which has been cancelled), that is to say—
  - (i) any certificate of title to a security and any coupon; and
  - (ii) any policy of assurance; and
  - (iii) any bill of exchange or promissory note expressed in terms of foreign currency and payable outside Barbados; and
  - (iv) any document to which section 7 applies not issued by an authorised dealer or in pursuance of a permission granted by the Authority;  
and any document certifying the destruction, loss or cancellation of any of the documents aforesaid; and
- (e) any such articles exported on the person of a traveller or in a traveller’s baggage as may be prescribed,

is hereby prohibited except with the permission of the Authority.

(2) In this section, the expression “note” includes part of a note, the expression “security” includes a secondary security and the expression “coupon” shall be construed in accordance with the meaning of “security”.

26. (1) The exportation of goods of any class or description from Barbados to a destination in such country as may be prescribed is hereby prohibited except with the permission of the Authority, unless the Authority is satisfied

Payment for  
exports.  
1991-20.

- (a) that payment for the goods has been made to a person resident in Barbados in such manner as may be prescribed in relation to goods of that class or description exported to a destination in that country or is to be so made not later than 6 months after the date of exportation; and
- (b) that the amount of the payment that has been made or is to be made is such as to represent a return for the goods which is in all the circumstances satisfactory in the national interest.

(1A) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Authority may direct that, in cases to which the direction applies, paragraph (a) of that subsection shall have effect as if for the reference to 6 months there were substituted a reference to such longer or shorter period as may be specified in the direction or as if the words "or is to be so made not later than 6 months after the date of exportation" were omitted.

(2) For the purpose of satisfying himself in the case of any goods as to the matters specified in subsection (1), the Authority may require the person making entry of the goods for export to deliver to him together with the entry such declarations signed by such persons as he may require, and where any such declaration has been so required the goods shall not be exported until it has been delivered as aforesaid.

(3) Where the Authority is not satisfied in the case of any goods as to the matters specified in paragraph (b) of subsection (1), he shall give his reasons to the person making entry of the goods for export and shall take into consideration any representations made by him.

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(4) In this section, any reference to the destination of any goods includes a reference to the ultimate destination thereof.

(5) The Authority may require the exporter of goods to provide, in such form as the Authority approves, information respecting

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- (a) the description of the goods;
- (b) the country to which the goods were consigned;
- (c) the bank in Barbados to which payment for the goods will be made; and
- (d) any other information the Authority requires.

(6) Where an exporter referred to in subsection (5) fails to return the forms within the time specified in subsection (1A) the Authority may, if he is satisfied that no payment for the goods has been made, issue directives to authorised dealers prohibiting them from selling any foreign currency to that exporter.

(7) Any exporter or authorised dealer who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction,

- (a) in the case of an exporter, to a fine of \$500 for every day or part thereof of the contravention or 5 times the amount of the payment due in respect of the goods, whichever is the greater; and
- (b) in the case of a bank, 5 times the amount of the value of the goods exported.

## PART VI

### *Miscellaneous*

27. (1) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in Barbados who has a right (whether present or future and whether vested or contingent) to receive any specified currency or to receive from a person resident outside Barbados a payment in Barbados dollars shall do, or refrain from doing, any act with intent to secure or shall do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to, any transaction securing

- (a) that the receipt by him of the whole or part of that currency or, as the case may be, of that payment in Barbados dollars is delayed; or

(b) that the currency or payment ceases, in whole or in part, to be receivable by him.

(1A) Nothing in subsection (1)

(i) shall, unless the Authority otherwise directs, impose on any person any obligation, in relation to any debt arising in the carrying on of any trade or business, to procure the payment thereof at an earlier time than is customary in the course of that trade or business; or

(ii) shall, unless the Authority otherwise directs, prohibit any transfer to a person resident in Barbados, and not elsewhere, of any right to receive any specified currency or payment in Barbados dollars.

(2) Where a person has contravened subsection (1) or (1A) in relation to any specified currency or payment in Barbados dollars, the Authority may give to him or to any other person who appears to the Authority to be in a position to give effect thereto (being a person in or resident in Barbados) such directions as appear to the Authority to be expedient for the purpose of obtaining or expediting the receipt of the currency or payment in question, and, without prejudice to the generality of the preceding provisions of this subsection, may direct that there shall be assigned to the Authority, or to such person as may be specified in the directions, the right to receive the currency or payment or enforce any security for the receipt thereof.

**28.** (1) Where—

- (a) any permission or consent has been granted under this Act subject to a condition providing that, or on the faith of an application stating an intention that, any goods should be sold outside Barbados; or
- (b) any statement or declaration has been made under any provision of this Act that any goods are to be sold outside Barbados; or
- (c) any currency has been obtained in, or by any person resident in, Barbados on the faith of an application stating an intention that any goods should be sold outside Barbados,

Duty not to  
delay sale or  
importation  
of goods.  
1974-13.

then, except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in the Island who is entitled to sell or procure the sale of the said goods shall do, or refrain from doing, any act with intent to secure or shall do any act which involves, is in association with or is preparatory to any transaction securing—

- (i) that the said sale is delayed to an extent which is unreasonable having regard to the ordinary course of trade; or
- (ii) that, on the said sale, any payment made for the goods is not made in the manner indicated by the condition, statement or declaration, as the case may be.

**(2) Where—**

- (a) any permission or consent has been granted under this Act subject to a condition providing that, or on the faith of an application stating an intention that, any goods should be imported from outside Barbados; or
- (b) any currency has been obtained in, or by any person resident in Barbados, on the faith of an application stating an intention that any goods should be so imported,

then, except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in the Island who is entitled to procure the importation of the said goods shall do, or refrain from doing, any act with intent to secure that the importation thereof is delayed to an extent which is unreasonable having regard to the ordinary course of trade.

- (3) Where in any such case as is specified in paragraph (a),

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(b) or (c) of subsection (1) or paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (2)—

- (a) the goods have not been sold or imported as indicated by the condition, statement or declaration within the time thereby indicated or, if no time is thereby indicated, a reasonable time, or (in either case) within such further time as may be allowed by the Authority; or
- (b) it appears to the Authority that the goods cannot be sold or imported as indicated by the condition, statement or declaration,

the Authority may give to any person resident in the Island who appears to the Authority to be in a position to give effect thereto such directions as appear to him to be expedient as to the manner in which the goods are to be dealt with.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (3), the power conferred thereby on the Authority to give directions shall extend to the giving of directions that the goods shall be assigned to the Authority or to a person specified in the directions.

(5) The powers conferred by subsections (3) and (4) in relation to any goods shall extend to the giving of directions with respect to any goods produced or manufactured therefrom and, where goods to be sold outside Barbados or to be imported were to be produced or manufactured from other goods, to the giving of directions with respect to those other goods and any goods produced or manufactured from those other goods.

Property  
obtained by  
infringement  
of Act.

**29.** (1) Where a person—

- (a) has made any payment which is prohibited by this Act; or
- (b) being bound under this Act to offer or cause to be offered any specified currency to an authorised dealer, has otherwise disposed of that currency,

the Authority may direct him to sell or procure the sale of any property which he is entitled to sell or of which he is entitled to procure the sale, being property which represents, whether directly or indirectly, that payment or that specified currency, as the case may be, and may by the same or a subsequent direction specify the manner in which, the person to whom and the terms on which the property is to be sold.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the power conferred thereby on the Authority to give directions shall extend to the giving of directions that the property shall be assigned to the Authority or to a person specified in the directions.

**29A.** (1) No person, whether an authorised dealer or otherwise, shall in Barbados enter into any transaction which involves the conversion of the Barbados dollar into foreign currency or *vice versa* at rates of exchange other than those determined by the Bank pursuant to section 29 of the Central Bank of Barbados Act.

Conversion of Barbados dollars into foreign currency or *vice versa* to be at the rates determined by the Central Bank.  
1974-13.  
Cap. 323C.

(2) Any amount charged in excess of the rates determined by the Bank on any transaction mentioned in subsection (1) shall not be deemed to constitute an infringement of that subsection, if the amount so charged is in respect of commission and brokerage fees only and is, in the opinion of the Authority, reasonable.

**30.** (1) Where, under the preceding provisions of this Part, the Authority has power to give directions that any right to receive any currency or payment in Barbados dollars or to enforce any security for the receipt thereof, any goods or any other property shall be assigned to the Authority, the Authority shall also have power to direct that the right, goods or property shall vest in the Authority, and it or they shall vest in the Authority accordingly free from any mortgage, pledge or charge, and the Authority may deal with it or them as he thinks fit.

Provisions supplemental to sections 27 to 29.  
1974-13.

(2) Where, in pursuance of directions under the said provisions, any right, goods or property is or are assigned to the Authority or to a person specified in the directions or any right, goods or property vests or vest in the Authority in pursuance of directions given under subsection (1), the Authority shall pay the net sum recovered by him in respect of the right, goods or property to the person making the assignment or, in the case of any right, goods or property vested in the Authority under subsection (1), to the person who, but for the directions, would be entitled to the right, goods or property.

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Transfer of  
annuities,  
policies, etc.  
1974-13.

**31.** (1) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in the Island shall transfer to a person resident outside Barbados, or who is to be a nominee for a person resident outside Barbados, any right to the sums assured by any policy of assurance, so, however, that where the person liable for the sums so assured makes any payment thereof to a person resident in Barbados and not elsewhere or makes, with the permission of the Authority, any payment thereof to any other person—

- (a) he shall not be bound to enquire as to the residence of any person other than the person to whom and (if it is not the same person) the person to whose order the payment is made; and
- (b) the payment shall, to the extent of the sums paid, discharge him from his liability under the policy, notwithstanding that the payment is made to or to the order of a person who was not entitled thereto otherwise than by virtue of a transfer prohibited by this subsection.

(2) Subsections (2) and (3) of section 21 shall apply in relation to any transfer prohibited by this section as they apply in relation to a transfer prohibited by this Act of a security.

(3) For the purposes of this section, the expression “nominee” has, in relation to any policy, annuity or insurance, the same meaning as the said expression has in Part IV in relation to a security.

Settlements.  
1974-13.

**32.** (1) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in the Island shall settle any property, otherwise than by will, so as to confer an interest in the property on a person who, at the time of the settlement, is resident outside Barbados or shall exercise, otherwise than by will, any power of appointment, whether created by will or otherwise, in favour of a person who, at the time of the exercise of the power, is resident outside Barbados.

(2) A settlement or exercise of a power of appointment shall not be invalid by reason that it is prohibited by this section, except so far as it purports to confer any interest on any person who, at the time of the settlement or the exercise of the power, is resident outside Barbados.



(3) Subsections (2) and (3) of section 21 shall apply in relation to a settlement or the exercise of a power of appointment prohibited by this section as they apply in relation to a transfer prohibited by this Act of a security.

(4) For the purposes of this section

(a) any reference to settling property includes a reference to the making of any disposition, covenant, agreement or arrangement whereby the property becomes subject to a trust or (in the case of a resettlement) to a different trust; and

(b) a person shall be deemed to have an interest in property if he has any beneficial interest therein, whether present or future, and whether vested or contingent, or falls within a limited class of persons in whose favour a discretion or power in respect of the property is exercisable; and

(c) the expression "will" includes any testamentary disposition.

(5) No person resident in Barbados shall in Barbados do any act which involves, is in association with, or is preparatory to, any such transaction outside Barbados as is referred to in this section.

33. (1) Except with the permission of the Authority

(a) no person resident in Barbados shall transfer or do any act forming part of a series of acts calculated to result in the transfer by way of sale, lease, exchange, gift or mortgage of any land, buildings or other hereditaments situate in Barbados or any instrument or certificate of title thereto, to a person resident outside Barbados; or

(b) no person resident outside Barbados nor any person acting on behalf of any person so resident shall transfer, convey or do any act forming part of a series of acts calculated to result in the transfer or conveyance by way of a sale, lease, exchange, gift or mortgage of any land, buildings or other hereditaments situated in Barbados or any instrument, or certificate of title relating thereto, to any person wherever resident; or

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on disposi-  
tion of  
certain  
property.  
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- 1981—30. (c) no person wherever resident shall purchase or agree to purchase or to accept a transfer or conveyance by way of sale, lease, exchange, gift or mortgage of any land, buildings or other hereditaments situate in Barbados from any person resident outside Barbados or any person acting on his behalf, or pay any money to any other person in consideration for, or in connection or association with, any such transfer or conveyance.
- 1981—30. (1A) For the purposes of subsection (1), “lease” includes an underlease, sublease, tenancy or licence and any agreement for a lease, underlease, sublease, tenancy or licence; but does not include a lease where
- (a) that lease is for a period of 3 years or less; and
  - (b) the payment in respect of that lease
    - (i) is received in Barbados, and
    - (ii) if made in a currency other than the currency of Barbados, is offered for sale to an authorised dealer within 15 days of the receipt of that payment.
- 1968—18. (2) Subsections (2) and (3) of section 21 shall apply in relation to a transfer or conveyance prohibited by this section as they apply in relation to a transfer prohibited by this Act or by the *Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940*,<sup>1</sup> of a security.
- Companies.  
1974—13. 34. (1) (a) Where there is served on any person resident in Barbados a notice in writing that the Authority wishes any such requirements as are hereinafter mentioned to be complied with by any such body corporate as is specified in the First Schedule (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as a “foreign company”) and that person can, by doing or refraining from doing any act,
- First  
Schedule. (a) cause the foreign company to comply with any of the requirements; or
- (b) remove any obstacle to the foreign company complying with any of the requirements; or
- (c) render it in any respect more probable that the foreign company will comply with any of the requirements,

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<sup>1</sup> See Proclamations, Orders and Regulations of Barbados (1940), p. 31 ff.

then, except so far as permission to the contrary may be given by the Authority, that person shall do, or, as the case may be, refrain from doing, that act.

(b) The requirements with respect to which such a notice may be given are as follows, that is to say, that the foreign company shall

- (i) furnish to the Authority such particulars as to its assets and business as may be mentioned in the notice;
- (ii) sell or procure the sale to an authorised dealer of any gold or specified currency mentioned in the notice, being gold or specified currency which it is entitled to sell or of which it is entitled to procure the sale;

- (iii) declare and pay such dividend as may be mentioned in the notice;
- (iv) realise any of its assets mentioned in the notice in such manner as may be so mentioned;
- (v) refrain from selling, transferring, or doing anything which affects its rights or powers in relation to any such securities as may be mentioned in the notice.

(2) (a) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in the Island shall do any act whereby a body corporate which is by any means controlled (whether directly or indirectly) by persons resident in the Island ceases to be controlled by persons resident in the Island.

(b) No person resident in Barbados shall in the Island do any act which involves, is in association with, or is preparatory to, any such transaction outside the Island as is referred to in this subsection. 1974-13.

(3) (a) Except with the permission of the Authority, no person resident in the Island shall lend any money or securities to any body corporate resident in Barbados which is by any means controlled (whether directly or indirectly) by persons resident outside Barbados:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply where the lender after making such enquiries as are reasonable in the circumstances of the case does not know and has no reason to suspect that the body corporate is controlled as aforesaid.

(b) No person resident in Barbados shall in the Island do any act which involves, is in association with, or is preparatory to, any such transaction outside the Island as is referred to in this subsection. 1974-13.

(4) For the purposes of this section and of the First Schedule, persons resident in the Island or outside Barbados shall be deemed to control a body corporate notwithstanding that other persons are associated with them in the control thereof if they can together override those other persons. First Schedule.

(5) For the purposes of this section, the expression "security" includes a secondary security.

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**PART VII***Supplemental*

Exemptions. **35.** Any provision of this Act imposing any obligation or prohibition shall have effect subject to such exemptions as may be granted by order of the Authority and any such exemption may be either absolute or conditional.

Blocked  
accounts.

**36.** Where—

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(a) under any provision contained in Part III the permission of the Authority is required for the making of a payment or the placing of any sum to the credit of any person resident outside Barbados; or

(b) any payment falls to be made by an authorised dealer on the sale of any gold or specified currency by any foreign company within the meaning of subsection (1) of section 34, being a sale made to comply with any requirement notified under that subsection,

the Authority may direct that the sum payable or to be credited shall be paid or credited to a blocked account only and where such a direction is given, the Second Schedule shall have effect in relation to the payment or crediting of the sum.

Second  
Schedule.

Contracts,  
legal pro-  
ceedings, etc.

**37.** (1) It shall be an implied condition in any contract that, where by virtue of this Act the permission or consent of the Authority is at the time of the contract required for the performance of any term thereof, that term shall not be performed except in so far as the permission or consent is given or is not required:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply in so far as it is shown to be inconsistent with the intention of the parties that it should apply, whether by reason of their having contemplated the performance of that term in despite of this Act or for any other reason.

Cap. 304.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in the Bills of Exchange Act, neither the provisions of this Act, nor any condition, whether expressed or to be implied having regard to those provisions, that any payment shall not be made without the permission of the Authority under this Act, shall be deemed to prevent any instrument being a bill of exchange or promissory note.

(3) The Third Schedule shall have effect with respect to legal proceedings, arbitrations, bankruptcy proceedings, the administration of the estates of deceased persons, the winding-up of companies, and proceedings under deeds of arrangement or trust deeds for the advantage of creditors. Third  
Schedule.

**38.** (1) The Fourth Schedule shall have effect for the purpose of the enforcement of this Act. Enforcement  
and ad-  
ministration.  
Fourth  
Schedule.

(2) Persons belonging to the following classes, that is to say—

- (a) bankers, authorised dealers, authorised depositaries;
- (b) persons to whom any powers of the Authority under this Act are delegated;
- (c) persons who with the permission of the Authority are in possession of documents which would, but for the permission, have to be in the custody of an authorised depositary;
- (d) persons concerned with the keeping of any register in the Island; and
- (e) persons entrusted with the payment of capital moneys, dividends or interest in the Island,

shall comply with such directions as may be given to them respectively by the Authority, being—

- (i) in the case of any such persons, directions as respects the exercise of any functions exercisable by them by virtue of, or by virtue of anything done under, any provision of this Act; or
- (ii) in the case of authorised dealers, such directions as aforesaid or directions as to the terms on which they are to accept gold or foreign currency or directions requiring them to offer their gold or specified currency for sale to the Central Bank of Barbados on such terms as may be specified in any such directions.

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**39.** This Act shall bind the Crown and shall apply to transactions by a Government department or other person acting on behalf of the Crown and the Authority shall not, by virtue of any contract made by or on behalf of any such department or person in relation to any securities, be under Application  
to Crown.

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any obligation to grant any permission under Part IV or any exemption from the provisions of Part IV.

Governor-General's orders.

**40.** (1) The Governor-General may by order make such transitional provisions as appear to him necessary or expedient in consequence of the exercise by him or by the Authority of any power to make orders under this Act.

(2) The power of the Governor-General to make transitional provisions consequential on the making of an order by the Authority under this Act, shall extend to the revocation, in consequence of any proclamation bringing this Act into operation, of any of the provisions of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940,<sup>1</sup> or of any regulations amending the same.

Other powers.

**41.** (1) Any permission, consent or authority granted under this Act—

- (a) may be either general or special; and
- (b) may be revoked by the Authority; and
- (c) may be absolute or conditional; and
- (d) may be limited so as to expire on a specified date, unless renewed; and
- (e) shall be published in such a way as, in the opinion of the Authority, to give any person entitled to the benefit of it an adequate opportunity of getting to know of it, unless in his opinion publication is not necessary for that purpose.

(2) Any directions given under any provisions of this Act—

- (a) may be either general or special; and
- (b) may be revoked or varied by subsequent directions; and
- (c) shall be given to such persons and in such manner as the Authority thinks appropriate and if so given shall be valid for all purposes.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) of subsection (2), a person shall not, by virtue of any direction given by the Authority under this Act, be convicted of any offence against this Act, unless the direction was served on him or he knew, or avoided getting to know, of the giving thereof:

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<sup>1</sup> See Proclamations, Orders and Regulations of Barbados (1940), p. 31 ff.

Provided that where reasonable steps were taken for the purpose of bringing the purport of the direction to his notice, it shall be for him to show that he neither knew nor avoided getting to know of the giving thereof.

(4) The Authority may, to such extent and subject to such restrictions and conditions as he may think proper, delegate or authorise the delegation of any of his powers (other than any power to make orders) to any person, or class or description of persons, approved by him and references in this Act shall be construed accordingly.

(5) Any document stating that any permission, consent, authority or direction is given under any of the provisions of this Act by the Authority, and purporting to be signed on his behalf, shall be evidence of the facts stated in the document.

**42.** (1) For the purposes of this Act, the Authority may, so far as appears to him to be necessary or expedient in the interest of the economy of Barbados, by order provide—

Powers of Authority in interest of economy of Barbados. 1968-18.

- (a) for regulating the opening and closing of banks; and
- (b) for amending this Act (other than this section), for suspending the operation of any part of this Act and for applying this Act with or without modification.

(2) Where by virtue of an order under subsection (1) a bank is required to be closed on any day, such day shall be deemed to be a non-business day for the purposes of the Bills of Exchange Act. Cap. 304.

(3) An order under subsection (1) shall not continue in force for more than thirty days unless extended by resolution of Parliament.

**43.** Any sums received under or by virtue of this Act by the Authority shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund. Financial provisions.

**44.** (1) The Authority may by order or direction provide that, for such of the purposes of this Act as may be specified in the order or direction,— Branches.

- (a) any transaction with or by a branch of any business, whether carried on by a body corporate or otherwise, shall be treated in all respects as if the branch were a

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body corporate resident where the branch is situated;  
and

- (b) the making of any book entry or other statement recording a debit against a branch of any business shall be treated as a payment to that other branch; and
- (c) any property held by or on behalf of the person carrying on the business shall be deemed to be held by such of the branches of the business as may be determined in accordance with the order or direction,

and any such order or direction which makes, for any of the purposes of Part IV, such provision as is mentioned in paragraph (c) may contain provisions declaring the circumstances in which a branch is to be treated as nominee for any other branch.

(2) Any reference in subsection (1) to a branch of a business shall be deemed to include a reference to the head office of that business.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) shall apply in relation to any body of persons (whether corporate or unincorporated) carrying on any activity, whether for the purpose of profit or not, as they apply in relation to a business.

Persons  
leaving the  
scheduled  
territories.

**45.** Where a person resident in the Island leaves Barbados, the Authority may, before, at or after the time he leaves Barbados, direct that, for such period as may be specified in the direction, payments by him or on his behalf and to him or to his credit and transactions in or in relation to securities or secondary securities in which he is in any way concerned shall, whether or not he continues to be resident in the Island, be subject to such restrictions as may be specified in the direction.

Determina-  
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residence.

**46.** (1) For the purposes of this Act, a personal representative of a deceased person shall, unless the Authority otherwise directs, be treated as resident in the country where the deceased person was resident for the purposes in question at the time of his death and as not resident elsewhere, so far as relates to any matters in which the personal representative is concerned solely in his capacity as such.

(2) The Authority may give directions declaring that for all or any of the purposes of this Act a person is to be treated as resident or not resident in such countries as may be specified in the directions.

47. (1) No person who obtains information by virtue of this Act shall disclose that information otherwise than in the discharge of his functions under this Act or for the purposes of any criminal proceedings: Restriction on disclosure of information.

Provided that this section shall not apply to information lawfully received by a member of the public in the course of an ordinary transaction between such person and the Authority.

(2) Any person who contravenes this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on conviction thereof by a court of summary jurisdiction, to a fine of \$5 000 and in default of payment to imprisonment for 12 months.

48. With effect from the 1st day of May, 1980, the Minister may, by order, prescribe fees in respect of any application made under this Act. Fees. 1980—32.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

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### *Foreign Companies*

1. The bodies corporate in question are bodies corporate, not incorporate under the law of Barbados, in the case of which any of the following conditions is fulfilled

- (a) that the body corporate is by any means controlled (whether directly or indirectly) by persons resident in Barbados;
- (b) that more than one-half of the sums which, on a liquidation thereof, would be receivable by holders of share or loan capital would be receivable directly or indirectly by or for the benefit of persons resident in Barbados;
- (c) that more than one-half of the assets which, on a liquidation thereof, would be available for distribution after the payment of creditors would be receivable directly or indirectly by or for the benefit of persons resident in Barbados; or
- (d) that more than one-half
  - (i) of the interest payable on its loans and loan capital, if any;
 or

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- (ii) of the dividends payable on its preference share capital, if any; or
- (iii) of the dividends payable on its share capital, if any, not being preference share capital,

is receivable, directly or indirectly, by or for the benefit of persons resident in Barbados.

2. Where the identity of the persons by whom or for whose benefit any sum, assets, interest or dividends are directly or indirectly receivable depends on the exercise by a person resident in Barbados of a power of appointment or similar power, the sum, assets, interest or dividends shall, for the purposes of this Schedule, be deemed to be receivable directly or indirectly by or for the benefit of persons resident in Barbados.

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## SECOND SCHEDULE

### *Blocked Accounts*

1. For the purposes of this Schedule, the expression "a blocked account" means an account opened as a blocked account at an office or branch in Barbados in favour of any person by a banker authorised by the Authority to open blocked accounts, and the expression "the banker" means, in relation to any person, a banker who opens a blocked account in favour of that person.

2. Where a direction is given that a payment is to be made to a blocked account only, then, subject to paragraph (3)

(a) the manner in which the payment may be made shall be either

(i) to the banker, with a direction that it is to be credited to a blocked account of that person (which direction may, in the case of a payment by means of a cheque or warrant, be made by marking the cheque or warrant with the words "blocked account of (naming the person in question)" or words to the same effect); or

(ii) by a crossed cheque or warrant drawn in favour of that person, marked with the words "payable only to blocked account of payee" or words to the same effect; and

(b) the sum collected shall be credited by the banker to a blocked account of that person.

3. Where a direction is given that a sum is to be paid or credited to a blocked account only, then, notwithstanding the direction, the sum may, with the consent of the person to whom it is to be paid or credited and subject to the requirements of Part IV of this Act, be invested instead in the purchase for that person of any such investments as may be prescribed for the purposes of paragraph (a) of the proviso to paragraph 4.

4. Any sum standing to the credit of a blocked account shall not be dealt with except with the permission of the Authority:

Provided that, subject to compliance with the requirements of Part IV of this Act,

(a) the whole or any part of any such sum may, at the request of the

person in whose name the account stands, be invested through the banker in such investments as may be prescribed; and

- (b) nothing in this Schedule shall be construed as restricting the manner in which the investments acquired may be dealt with.

5. Where a person in whose name a blocked account is standing becomes bankrupt in the Island or dies, the banker may, notwithstanding anything in paragraph 4, transfer the account to the name of the trustee in bankruptcy or personal representative but, save as aforesaid, no change shall, except with the permission of the Authority, be made in the name in which the account stands; and where any such change is made (whether or not the permission of the Authority is necessary therefor) the account shall remain a blocked account notwithstanding the change and this Schedule shall apply accordingly.

6. Where—

the last-mentioned person is under a duty to the person to whom the sum is due to cause the sum to be paid or credited to that blocked account, and the crediting of any sum to a blocked account in pursuance of a direction of the Authority shall, to the extent of the sum credited, be a good discharge to the person from whom the sum is due:

Provided that in the case of a sum due under a contract this paragraph shall not apply in so far as it is shown to be inconsistent with the intention

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#### *Legal Proceedings, etc.*

1. Part III of this Act shall apply to sums required to be paid by any judgment or order of any court or by any award as it applies in relation to other sums, and it shall be implied in any judgment or order of any court in the Island and in any award given under any law in force in the Island that any sum required to be paid by the judgment, order or award (whether as a debt, as damages or otherwise) to which the said Part III applies shall not be paid except with the permission of the Authority.

2. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing the payment by any person of any sum into any court in the Island but Part III of this Act shall apply to the payment of any sum out of court, whether under an order of the court or otherwise, to or for the credit of any person resident outside Barbados.

3. Without prejudice to the provisions of any enactment relating to the making of rules of court, rules of court— 1974-13.

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- (a) enabling any person who is required by any judgment, order or award to pay any sum, if he apprehends that the payment of that sum is unlawful under this Act except with the permission of the Authority, to pay that sum into court; and
- (b) declaring that payment of a sum into court by virtue of sub-paragraph (a), together with the delivery to the other party concerned of such evidence of the payment as may be prescribed by the rules, shall, to the extent of the payment, be a good discharge to the person making the payment; and
- (c) so regulating the process of execution which may issue in respect of any sum required to be paid by any judgment, order or award as to secure that, unless it is shown, in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules, that the permission of the Authority for the payment of the sum is not required under this Act or has been given without conditions, the proceeds of the execution will be paid into court, and, so far as is necessary for that purpose, varying the form of any writ of execution or other similar document or the duties of the bailiff or other officer to whom any such writ or other similar document is directed,

may be made as respect the High Court, or any other court, by such authority as may be designated in that behalf by the Chief Justice.

4. (1) In any proceedings in a prescribed court and in any arbitration proceedings, a claim for the recovery of any debt shall not be defeated by reason only of the debt not being payable without the permission of the Authority and of that permission not having been given or having been revoked.

(2) No court shall be prescribed for the purpose of this paragraph unless the Authority is satisfied that adequate provision has been made therefor by rules of court for the purposes specified under paragraph 3.

5. (1) In any bankruptcy, in the winding-up of any company or in the administration of the estate of any deceased person (being a bankruptcy, winding-up or administration carried on under the law of the Island), a claim for a sum not payable without the permission of the Authority shall, notwithstanding that the permission has not been given or has been revoked, be admitted to proof as if it had been given and had not been revoked:

Provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall be construed as affecting the application of Part III of this Act to payments by any trustee, liquidator, personal representative or other person in any such bankruptcy, winding-up or administration.

(2) The provisions of this Act restricting the making of settlements shall not apply to any deed of arrangement made for the benefit of creditors generally, and sub-paragraph (1) shall apply in relation to proceedings under any deed of arrangement as it applies in relation to proceedings in bankruptcy.

6. A debt for the payment of which permission of the Authority is required under this Act shall, if in other respects it complies with the requirements

of subsection (1) of section 6 of the *Bankruptcy Act*, be allowed to be a good petitioning creditor's debt, notwithstanding the said requirement, if and to the extent that the debt can be satisfied either by a payment into court or by a payment to a blocked account. Cap. 303.

#### FOURTH SCHEDULE

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##### *Enforcement*

##### Part I

##### *General provisions as to evidence and information*

1. (1) Without prejudice to any other provisions of this Act, the Authority may give to any person in or resident in Barbados directions requiring him, within such time, at such place and in such manner as may be specified in the directions, to furnish to him or to any person designated in the directions as a person authorised to require it, any information in his possession or control which the Authority or the person so authorised, as the case may be, may require for the purpose of securing compliance with, or detecting evasion of, this Act. 1981—30.

(2) A person required by any such directions as aforesaid to furnish information shall also produce such books, accounts or other documents (hereinafter in this Part referred to as "documents") in his possession or control as may be required for the said purpose by the Authority or by the person authorised to require the information, as the case may be.

(3) Nothing in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be taken to require any person who has acted as attorney for any person to disclose any privileged communication made to him in that capacity.

(4) Where a person is convicted on indictment for failing to give information or produce documents when required so to do under this paragraph, the court may make an order requiring the offender, within such period as may be specified in the order, to comply with the requirement to give the information or produce the documents.

2. (1) If a court of summary jurisdiction is satisfied by information on oath given by a person authorised by the Authority to act for the purposes of this paragraph either

- (a) that there is a reasonable ground for suspecting that an offence against this Act has been or is being committed and that evidence of the commission of the offence is to be found at any premises specified in the information, or in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft so specified; or
- (b) that any documents which ought to have been produced under paragraph 1 and have not been produced are to be found at any such premises or in any such vehicle, vessel or aircraft,

the court may grant a search warrant authorising any constable, together with any other persons named in the warrant and any other constables, to enter the premises specified in the information or, as the case may be, any premises upon which the vehicle, vessel or aircraft so specified may be, at any time

within one month from the date of the warrant, and to search the premises or, as the case may be, the vehicle, vessel or aircraft.

(2) A person authorised by any such warrant as aforesaid to search any premises or any vehicle, vessel or aircraft may search every person who is found in, or whom he has reasonable ground to believe to have recently left or to be about to enter, those premises or that vehicle, vessel or aircraft, as the case may be, and may seize any article found in the premises or in the vehicle, vessel or aircraft which he has reasonable ground for believing to be evidence of the commission of any offence against this Act or any documents which he has reasonable ground for believing ought to have been produced under paragraph 1:

Provided that no female shall, in pursuance of any warrant issued under this paragraph, be searched except by a female.

(3) Where, by virtue of this paragraph, a person has any power to enter any premises, he may use such force as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of exercising that power.

3. (1) Any article coming into the possession of an executive authority (whether in consequence of the seizure of the article under or by virtue of this Act or otherwise) which the authority has reasonable ground for believing to be evidence of the commission of an offence against this Act may be retained for a period of three months or, if within that period there are commenced proceedings in respect of such an offence in which the article is, or can properly be, adduced in evidence, until the final determination of those proceedings.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph, any person to whom any powers of the Authority under this Act are delegated or on whom any functions are conferred by or by virtue of this Act, including any constable, shall be deemed to be an executive authority.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph, any proceedings shall be deemed not to have been finally determined so long as there is pending any appeal in the matter of the proceedings, and an appeal in that matter shall be deemed to be pending during the ordinary time within which such an appeal may be lodged, and, if such an appeal is duly lodged, the appeal shall be deemed to be pending until it is decided or withdrawn.

(4) The powers conferred by this paragraph in relation to any article shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, any powers otherwise exercisable in relation thereto.

**4. No person in or resident in Barbados shall**

(a) with intent to evade the provisions of this Act, destroy, mutilate, deface, secrete or remove any documents;

(b) in furnishing any information for any of the purposes of this Act, make any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly make any statement which is false in a material particular;

- (c) obstruct any person in the exercise of any powers conferred on him by virtue of this Part.

## PART II

### *General provisions as to offences*

1. (1) Any person in or resident in the Island who contravenes any restriction or requirement imposed by or under this Act, and any such person who conspires or attempts, or aids, abets, counsels or procures any other person, to contravene any such restriction or requirement as aforesaid, shall be guilty of an offence punishable under this Part:

Provided that an offence punishable by virtue of Part III shall not be punishable under this Part.

(2) Where an offence punishable under this Part has been committed by a body corporate, any person who at the time of the commission of the offence was a director, general manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or was purporting to act in any such capacity, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence, unless he proves that the contravention was committed without his consent or connivance and that he exercised all such diligence to prevent the commission of the offence as he ought to have exercised having regard to the nature of his functions in that capacity and to all the circumstances.

(3) Any person who commits an offence punishable under this Part shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for not more than three months or to a fine or to both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for not more than two years or to a fine or to both;

and where the offence is concerned with any currency, any security, any gold, any goods or any other property, the court may, if it thinks fit so to do, order the currency, security, gold, goods or property to be forfeited.

(4) Except in the case of a body corporate convicted on indictment, the maximum fine which may be imposed for an offence punishable under this Part shall be—

- (a) on summary conviction, two thousand five hundred dollars; and
- (b) on conviction on indictment, five thousand dollars;

so, however, that (in either case) where the offence is concerned with any currency, any security, any payment, any gold, any goods or any other property and does not consist only of a failure to give information or produce books, accounts or other documents with respect thereto when required so to do under Part I, a larger fine may be imposed not exceeding three times the amount or value of the currency, security, payment, gold, goods or property.

2. (1) No proceedings for an offence punishable under this Part shall be instituted, except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions:

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Provided that this sub-paragraph shall not prevent the issue or execution of a warrant for the arrest of any person in respect of such an offence or the remanding in custody or on bail of any person charged with such an offence.

(2) Proceedings against any person in respect of an offence punishable under this Part may be taken before the appropriate court of summary jurisdiction having jurisdiction in the place where that person is for the time being.

(3) Any proceedings before a court of summary jurisdiction which may be taken against any person in respect of any offence punishable under this Part may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any enactment, be taken at any time within twelve months from the date of the commission of the offence or within three months from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the Authority to justify the proceedings comes to the knowledge of the Authority, whichever period last expires or where the person in question was outside the Island at the date last mentioned, within twelve months from the date on which he first arrives in the Island thereafter.

(4) For the purposes of this paragraph, a certificate of the Authority as to the date on which such evidence as aforesaid came to the knowledge of the Authority shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

3. The maximum period of imprisonment that may be imposed by a court of summary jurisdiction—

- (a) in respect of the non-payment of a sum adjudged to be paid by a conviction for an offence punishable under this Part; or
- (b) in respect of the default of a sufficient distress to satisfy any such sum,

shall, in cases where the sum exceeds one hundred dollars, be increased in accordance with the following scale, that is to say—

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### PART III

#### *Import and Export*

1. (1) The enactments relating to customs shall, subject to such modifications, if any, as may be prescribed to adapt them to this Act, apply in relation to anything prohibited to be imported or exported by any of the provisions of Part V of this Act except with the permission of the Authority as they apply in relation to goods prohibited to be imported or exported by or under any of the said enactments or to postal articles believed to contain goods in respect of which an offence is being committed

or is being attempted to be committed, and any reference in the said enactments to goods shall be construed as including a reference to anything prohibited to be imported or exported by any of the provisions of the said Part V except with the permission of the Authority.

(2) References in this paragraph to the enactments relating to customs shall be taken as including references to the Customs Act and the Post Office Act. Cap. 66.  
Cap. 27.

2. Any declaration required to be given under Part V of this Act shall, for the purposes of any of the provisions of the said enactments under which the making of false declarations in matters relating to customs is an offence, be deemed to be a declaration in a matter relating to customs.

3. If anything prohibited to be exported by any provisions of the said Part V is exported in contravention thereof or is brought to a quay or other place, or water-borne, for the purpose of being so exported, the exporter or his agent shall be liable to the same penalty as that to which a person is liable for an offence to which any of the provisions of the said enactments relating to the illegal importation of prohibited goods applies.

4. Anything seized or forfeited by virtue of this Part shall be dealt with in such manner as the Governor-General may direct and no claim for compensation shall lie in respect of any such thing seized or forfeited owing to a contravention of any provision of this Act.

5. Without prejudice to any of the preceding provisions of this Part, any person who, on any occasion, is about to leave the Island or arrives in the Island (which person is hereafter in this paragraph referred to as "the traveller") shall, if on that occasion he is required so to do by an officer of customs or an immigration officer—

(a) declare whether or not he has with him anything prohibited to be imported or exported by any of the provisions of the said Part V except with the permission of the Authority; and

(b) produce any such thing as aforesaid which he has with him,

and the officer may examine or search any article which the traveller has with him for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is conveying or has in his possession any such thing and, if the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the traveller has about his person any such thing, search him and may seize anything produced as aforesaid or found upon such examination or search as aforesaid as to which the officer has reasonable ground for suspecting that it is prohibited to be imported or exported by any of the provisions of the said Part V except with permission of the Authority:

Provided that no female shall be searched in pursuance of this paragraph except by a female.

6. Sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 1 of Part II shall apply also to offences punishable by virtue of this Part.

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