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An Act to enable effect to be given to an International Convention for the suppression of Counterfeiting Currency, signed on behalf of His Majesty at Geneva on the twentieth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.

[Commencement: 12th February, 1962]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Counterfeit Currency (Convention) Act*.

Forgery of currency notes

- 2.(1) Currency notes issued by or on behalf of the Government of any country shall be deemed to be bank notes for the purposes of the *Forgery Act*, Cap. 133 and this Act.
- (2) For the purposes of this section the expression “currency notes” includes any notes (by whatever name called) which are legal tender in the country in which they are issued.

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Search warrants

3.(1) If it is made to appear by information on oath before a magistrate that there is reasonable cause to believe that any person has in his custody or possession without lawful authority or excuse

- (a) any bank note; or
- (b) any implement for making paper or imitation of the paper used for bank notes; or
- (c) any material having thereon any words, forms, devices or characters capable of producing or intended to produce the impression of a bank note; or
- (d) any forged document, seal or die; or
- (e) any machinery, implement, utensil, or material used or intended to be used for the forgery of any document,

the magistrate may grant a warrant to search for the same; and if the same is found on search, it shall be lawful to seize it and carry it before the magistrate to be by him disposed of according to law.

(2) Every document, seal or die lawfully seized under such warrant shall be defaced or destroyed or otherwise disposed of

- (a) by order of the court before which the offender is tried; or
- (b) if there be no trial, by order of a magistrate; or
- (c) if it affects public revenue, by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue or the Comptroller of Customs, as the case may require.

Disposal of forged bank notes and plant used for forging bank notes

4. Where any forged bank note or any machinery, implement, utensil or material used or intended to be used for the forgery of a bank note is lawfully seized under a warrant granted in pursuance of section 3(1) or otherwise, the bank

note, machinery, implement, utensil or material, as the case may be, shall notwithstanding anything in section 3(2), be delivered up to the Minister responsible for Finance, or to any person authorised by him for the purpose, by order of the court before which the offender is tried, or if there is no trial, by order of a magistrate.

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Making or having in possession implements for forgery of bank notes

5. Every person shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall be liable to imprisonment for 7 years, who, without lawful authority or excuse (the proof whereof shall lie on the party accused)

- (a) makes, uses or knowingly has in his custody or possession, any frame, mould or instrument for making paper or imitation of the paper used for bank notes or for producing in or on such paper any words, figures, letters, marks, lines or devices peculiar to and used in or on any such paper;
- (b) engraves or in anywise makes upon any plate, wood, stone or other material, any words, figures, letters, marks, lines or devices, the print whereof resembles in whole or in part any words, figures, letters, marks, lines or other devices peculiar to and used in or on any bank note;
- (c) uses or knowingly has in his custody or possession any plate, wood, stone, or other material, upon which any such words, figures, letters, marks, lines or devices have been engraved or in anywise made as aforesaid;
- (d) uses or knowingly has in his custody or possession any paper upon which any such words, figures, letters, marks, lines or devices have been printed or in anywise made as aforesaid.

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