

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AMENDMENT (PREFERENCE TO
AUSTRALIAN AND EMPIRE
GOODS) ACT.

Act No. 20, 1926.

An Act to provide for certain preference being given by shire and municipal councils to goods, machinery, or materials manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth of Australia or the British Empire; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 23rd November, 1926.] George V,
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BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Local Government Amendment (Preference to Australian and Empire Goods) Act, 1926." Short title.

2. The Local Government Act, 1919, is amended by inserting next after section five hundred and seventeen the following new section:— Amendment
of Act No. 41,
1919.
New s. 517A.

517A. (1) In purchasing or obtaining any goods the council shall give effective and substantial preference to goods manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth. Preference to
Australian
and British
goods.

(2) If goods manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth cannot be purchased or delivered within a reasonable time, or can only be cf. L.G. Act,
1915 (Vic.),
s. 457.

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be purchased in insufficient quantities, or of a quality unsuitable for the purpose required, the council shall give effective and substantial preference to British goods over foreign goods.

(3) The minimum rates of preference to be given under this section are indicated in the table following:—

| Rate of Customs duty to which the goods are liable. | Minimum rate of preference to be given to goods manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth over:— | |
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| | British goods. | Foreign goods. |
| Duty free | 20 per centum ... | 30 per centum. |
| 5 per centum ... | 15 " " ... | 25 " " |
| 10 " " or more | 10 " " ... | 20 " " |

In all cases, subject to the provisions of this Act, goods manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth are to be given preference of at least ten per centum over British goods.

In all cases British goods are to be given preference of at least ten per centum over foreign goods.

(4) In this section—

“British goods” means goods manufactured or produced at any place within the British Empire;

“Commonwealth” means the Commonwealth of Australia;

“Foreign goods” means goods manufactured or produced at any place outside the British Empire;

“Goods” includes machinery or material.

(5) The provisions of section two hundred and thirteen with respect to surcharges shall apply in relation to any expenditure authorised by a council in contravention of the provisions of this section.