

No. 25 OF 1938.

A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF OLIVES AND OF CERTAIN OTHER CROPS.

H. R. PALMER,]
Governor.

[21st September, 1938.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Olives and Other Crops (Protection) Law, 1938.

Commissioner to fix in each year the date for the gathering of olives from trees and the collection of olives which have fallen from trees.

62 of 1932
52 of 1934
13 of 1937.

2.—(1) The Commissioner shall, with the consent of the District Council (Mejlis Idaré) in his District, in each year fix the date at which the gathering of olives from trees and the collection of olives which have fallen from trees shall begin in each village or group of two or more adjacent villages formed into a group by notification by the Governor under the provisions of the Rural Constables Laws, 1932 to 1937.

(2) Notice of the date fixed under sub-section (1) shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the village or villages affected thereby.

(3) Subject to the provisions of section 3, any person who—

(a) gathers olives from any tree, or

(b) collects olives which have fallen from any tree,

before the date fixed under this section shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: One month's imprisonment or five pounds fine or both.

Gathering or collection of olives before fixed date in certain cases.

3.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in section 2 contained and subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) hereof, the registered owner of any olive tree or any person having the consent in writing of such registered owner may—

(a) gather olives from such tree, or

(b) collect olives which have fallen from such tree,

before the date fixed under section 2, provided that he gives previous notice in writing of his intention so to do to the Mukhtar of the village within which such tree is situate or in his absence to one of the Azas thereof, specifying the approximate quantity of olives which he intends to gather or collect, the situation of the tree from which the olives are to be gathered or of the tree the fallen olives of which are to be collected and the time during which they are to be gathered or collected.

(2) The Governor may, upon the recommendation of the District Council (Mejlis Idaré) in any District, by notice to be published in the *Gazette* suspend in any year the operation of sub-section (1) as a whole or of paragraph (a) or (b) thereof either in respect of all the villages or groups of villages situate within such District or of such villages or groups of villages situate therein as may be specified in the notice, and thereupon the provisions of sub-section (1) or of paragraph (a) or (b) thereof, as the case may be, shall cease to apply to any such village or group of villages during the year specified in the notice.

(3) For the purposes of this section the expression "registered owner" shall include the heirs of a registered owner.

4. No person shall—

(a) gather olives from any tree, or

(b) collect olives which have fallen from any tree,

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in the interval between one hour after sunset in the evening and one hour before sunrise in the morning except with the previous written permission of the Mukhtar of the village within which the tree from which the olives are to be gathered or the tree the fallen olives of which are to be collected is situate and any person who acts in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: One month's imprisonment or five pounds fine or both.

5. No person shall convey, carry or transport any olives, carobs, sheaves of corn or any other cereal crops or produce in the interval between one hour after sunset in the evening and one hour before sunrise in the morning except with the previous written permission of the Mukhtar of the village from which any such olives, carobs, sheaves of corn or other cereal crops or produce are to be conveyed, carried or transported and any person who acts in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence.

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6. The Olives Law, 1899, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of
Law 24 of
1899.