

“(2.) A person shall not hinder or obstruct the Minister or any authorized officer in exercising his powers under this section.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.”

5. Section thirteen of the Principal Act is amended—

Light dues.

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “or vessels”;
- (b) by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

“(2.) The Regulations may prescribe the rates or scales of light dues to be payable in respect of ships, and may make provision for the refund or remission of light dues and for the exemption of any ship or ships included in a class of ships from payment of light dues.”; and

- (c) by omitting the proviso to sub-section (3.).

CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION.

No. 36 of 1942.

An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

[Assented to 4th September, 1942.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1942*. Short title.
2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent. Commencement.
3. All duties of Customs demanded or collected (whether before or after the commencement of this Act and on or before the fifth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three) pursuant to the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fifth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, shall be deemed to have been lawfully imposed and lawfully demanded or collected. Validation of collections under Customs Tariff Proposals.
4. Where, in respect of any goods covered by any item or portion of an item in the Customs Tariff Proposals referred to in the last preceding section, it is provided that duties of Customs shall be imposed on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation, all such duties of Customs demanded or collected on or after the date so fixed and on or before the fifth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, shall be deemed to have been lawfully imposed and lawfully demanded or collected. Imposition of duties of Customs by Proclamation.