

to refrain from asking the Assembly to approve of the renewal agreement.

As regards the latter question, it must be noted that three laws had to be promulgated for the enforcement of the original agreement, viz. the "Siam Mining Amendment Act B. E. 2474" the "Tin and Tin ore Restriction Amendment Act B. E. 2475". Now, it seems that the former, although issued to facilitate the application of the latter, is rather independent of it and may quite well be kept in force even after the international Tin Control Scheme has ceased to be binding. In fact, no reference to that scheme is made in the Preamble. That former act, therefore, cannot be affected by the expiration or renewal of the international tin control scheme agreements and the question under examination does not apply to that ---. On the contrary, the other Acts have been, as shown by the preamble of the Restriction Act B. E. 2474, issued especially to secure the enter cement in Siam of the international in control scheme agreement. The question arises, therefore, to know whether it remains in force after the expiration of the original agreement and the substitution of the renewal agreement for that original agreement. That question seems to be answered in the negative, because the preamble refers vaguely to "an agreement" and not to "the agreement of 2474". The agreement refereed to, there fore may be the renewal agreement of 2476 as well as the original agreement of 2474.

However a few modifications may be necessary in some articles of the Ministerial Regulations issued under the Tin and Tin ore Restriction amendment Act 2475, viz.

a) in M" Reg. No. 1 Clause 1. the reference to the years 1929, 1930 and 1931 should perhaps become references to the years 1932, 1933 and 1934.

b) in M. Reg. issued under the Tin and Tin ore Restriction Amendment Act 1475, the references to the year 2475 may also have to be altered.

The Department of Mines ought to be consulted on the question whether such alterations are actually needed and how they should be made.

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