

(3) that the obligation falling on the Federal Government must have been definitely established by a competent authority in accordance with the relevant law.

Consequently, the following credits will not be considered as passed and classified: those for which the bases of calculation have only been established and for which the due amount of indemnity has not been fixed, see (1) above; and those made out to bearer, see (2) above.

As regards the authorities competent to carry out final classification, the credits are divided into two groups, namely, credits in respect of indemnities for damage caused during the revolution, and credits of a distinct nature.

For the first group, the authorities are the Ministry of Finance, in accordance with the Law of the Advisory Commission of Indemnities; in cases concerning the Law of the National Claims Commission, the President of the Republic is the authority; also the Special Claims Commission, in accordance with the regulations of the law which created that Commission; and in virtue of the Presidential Decree of January 25th, 1921, the Ministry for War.

For the second group, the competent authorities have been, until January 24th, 1918, in accordance with the Organic Law of the Treasury of the Federation of May 23rd, 1910, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, the President of the Chamber of Senators and Secretaries of State; from January 25th, 1918, to December 31st, 1928, those credits are considered valid which were authorized by the above-mentioned officials and visaed by the Department of Control, in virtue of the Organic Law of Comptrollership of January 18th, 1918, and February 10th, 1926, with the exception of those which may have been pending until May 30th, 1927, in the case of which the President of the Republic was the competent authority, in accordance with Section II of Article 1 of the Law of May 11th, 1927.

As regards employees' certificates, those credits are considered classified for which the Ministry of Finance has communicated to the Treasury of the Federation the order of exchange for a specified amount and in favour of a specified person.

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Whereas on November 22nd next the time limit, which will not be extended, expires for presenting claims in respect of damages done in the revolution, the Ministry of Finance thinks it as well to draw the attention of interested parties to the advisability of taking advantage of the time still available for taking the necessary action with the Adjusting Commission of the Public Internal Debt so that their credits may be taken into consideration.

In order that the matter should be better understood, the articles concerning the Regulating Law of the above-mentioned Commission are reproduced as follows:—

ARTICLE 4.—The credits included in the preceding article shall be prescribed for within six months, counting from the date of the publication of this Regulating Law in the Official Gazette of the Federation.

ARTICLE 5.—The prescription referred to in the preceding article may be interrupted:—

(i) By action before the competent Tribunals.

(ii) By the fact of the submission of the credit for its identification to the Adjusting Commission of the Public Internal Debt in conformity with this Regulating Law.

(iii) In the case of credits already presented to Claims Commissions or other competent authorities, by the simple continuation of the transactions before this Commission in accordance with the regulations of this law.

ARTICLE 6.—Every credit or claim which should be considered as having lapsed or having been prescribed in accordance with previous legislation, shall be rejected.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the period established by the said law for the presentation of credits under reference cannot be extended.

It should also be remembered that even when the Consultative Commission or the National Claims Commission may have decided favourably on any matter, but have not obtained the confirmation of the Ministry of Finance in the case of matters submitted to the former Commission, or the confirmation of the President of the Republic in the case of matters referred to the latter, such claims are considered under discussion and interested parties are accordingly under the obligation of continuing their action with the Adjusting Commission of the Public Internal Debt within the time limit under reference.

With regard to credits which may be to the charge of the Federal Government and which may not be considered as classified in accordance with Article 2, Section XI (sic) ? (XII) of the Regulating Law, that is to say, their amount not having been fixed and determined in favour of a specified person by authority which, in conformity with the law, may have been able definitely to establish obligations against the Federal Government, notice is given that these credits should be presented to the above-mentioned Adjusting Commission for classification.

October 21st, 1929.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACTS.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice, that on the 13th instant, he made an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1908, for the Administrative County of Somerset.

Copies of the Order may be purchased through any bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—Austral House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; and 120, George Street, Edinburgh.

Whitehall,
15th November, 1929.