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A LAW TO CONTROL AND REGULATE THE MANUFACTURE
OF BEER IN THE COLONY.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Breweries Law.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpreta-
tion.

“ beer ” includes ale, porter, stout, black beer and any other description of beer, and any liquor which is made or sold as a description of beer, or as a substitute for beer, and which on analysis of a sample thereof at any time is found to contain more than two per cent of proof spirit ;

“ brewer ” means a person who manufactures beer ;

“ Comptroller ” means the Comptroller of Customs and Excise, and includes any Officer authorized by him to act on his behalf for all or any of the purposes of this Law ;

“ degree of gravity ” shall be taken as equal to the one-thousandth part of the gravity of distilled water at a temperature of 60° by Fahrenheit’s thermometer ;

“ entry ” means a declaration by a brewer of his intention to carry on the trade of a brewer and of the premises, vessels and utensils intended to be used by him in connection with his trade ; and “ entered ” shall be construed accordingly ;

“ gallon ” means an imperial gallon ;

“ licence ” means a licence issued by the Comptroller under this Law ;

“ Officer ” means an officer of Customs and Excise ;

“ original gravity ” in respect of worts means the gravity of such worts before yeast is added thereto ;

“ premises ” means any building or place used by a brewer for the manufacture, storage or sale of beer ;

“ proof spirit ” means ethyl alcohol of such a strength that the specific gravity at a temperature of 60° by Fahrenheit’s thermometer, is .91984.

3. (1) No person shall carry on the business of a brewer unless he holds a licence in the prescribed form issued by the Comptroller and has given security in such manner as may be prescribed for the due performance of his obligations in connection therewith.

Brewer’s
licence
and fee.

(2) There shall be paid in respect of every licence a fee of twenty-five pounds.

(3) Every applicant for a brewer’s licence shall furnish the Comptroller with a certificate from the Commissioner of Labour or such other person or authority as may be

prescribed that the premises for which the licence is required conform with the Law and regulations in force for the time being for the regulation of trades and industries and such premises shall contain accommodation, to the satisfaction of the Comptroller, for such Officer or Officers as the Comptroller may direct.

(4) Any person who, without such licence—

(a) manufactures beer ; or

(b) has in his possession or keeps, or makes use of any vessels, utensils, apparatus or materials in such circumstances as to indicate that they are kept or used for the manufacture of beer,

is guilty of an offence and is liable to imprisonment not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Licence to
be personal
to holder.

4. (1) A licence shall be personal to the holder and shall be valid only in respect of the premises mentioned therein.

(2) A licence shall not be transferable save with the approval of the Comptroller.

Duration of
licence.

5. Every licence shall, unless previously suspended, expire on the thirty-first day of December in the year in which it was issued.

No fee
refunded.

6. No fee paid in respect of any licence shall be refunded on the ground that the licence has been suspended or revoked.

Exhibition
of licence.

7. The holder of a licence shall, at all times, exhibit the licence in a conspicuous place upon the premises and, if he fails so to do, he is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

Premises to
be main-
tained in
proper
repair and
condition.

8. The premises shall be maintained at all times in proper repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Comptroller so as to enable the exercise of effective supervision in the interests of Revenue and, if they are not so maintained, the Comptroller may, by notice in writing under his hand, require the licensee to remedy the failure within such period, not being less than ten days, as may be specified in the notice and, if the licensee fails to comply with the requirement, the Comptroller may suspend the licence until the failure is remedied :

Provided that the licensee may, within three days from the day of the notification to him of the suspension, appeal to the Governor whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive :

Provided further that the suspension shall not take effect until after the expiration of three days from the day of its notification as aforesaid and that, where a valid appeal has been made, the suspension shall not have effect unless and until the appeal has been determined and the Governor confirms the suspension.

9. The Comptroller may require any of the doors of the premises to be secured by two locks and thereupon such doors shall be so secured ; the key of one lock shall be held by the brewer and the key of the other by an Officer.

Securing of
doors of
premises.

10. (1) Every brewer shall make entry in the prescribed manner of the premises, vessels and utensils intended to be used in his business as a brewer and shall cause them to be marked in such manner, and shall provide such staples and fastenings thereon as may be required and approved by the Comptroller and no alteration of any such premises, vessels or utensils shall be made without the prior approval of the Comptroller.

Entry and
marking of
premises and
vessels.

(2) Any brewer who fails to observe, or acts in contravention of, the provisions of subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

11. (1) Subject to any other Law enabling entry to any premises, no person other than the brewer and his employees shall enter, or have access to, the premises of a brewer, save with the permission of an Officer.

No access
to premises
save with
permission.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of subsection (1), is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

12. (1) The days and hours during which any premises may be open for the manufacture of beer or for any other purpose shall be such as may be approved by the Comptroller, but so that the ordinary hours of duty per week of any Officer performing duty therein shall not exceed those prescribed for Customs officers under the Customs Management Law, or any Law amending or substituted for the same.

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