

Sale of Food Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

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An Act for securing wholesomeness and purity of food and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; and to repeal the provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act relating to the sale of food (Chapter 167 of the Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Sale of Food Act, 1973, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different parts or provisions of this Act.

Interpretation

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

“advertisement” includes any notice, circular, label, wrapper, invoice or other document, and any public announcement made orally or by any means of producing or transmitting light or sound, and “advertise” shall be construed accordingly;

“analysis” includes micro-biological assay, and “analyse” shall be construed accordingly;

“analyst” means an analyst appointed under this Act;

“appliance” includes the whole or any part of any utensil, machinery, instrument, apparatus or article used or intended for use in or for making, keeping, preparing or supplying any food;

“Director” means the Director of Food Administration appointed under section 3;

“food” includes drink, chewing gum and other products of a like nature and use, and articles and substances used as ingredients in the preparation of food or drink or of such products, but does not include —

- (i) live animals or birds;
- (ii) fodder or feeding stuffs for animals, birds or fish; or
- (iii) articles or substances used only as drugs;

“import”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to bring or cause to be brought into Singapore by land, water or air from any place which is outside Singapore but does not include the bringing into Singapore by water or air of any goods which it is proved to be intended to be taken out of Singapore on the same vessel or aircraft on which they were brought into Singapore without any landing or transshipment within Singapore;

“importer”, in relation to an imported article, includes any person who, whether as owner, consignor, consignee, agent or broker, is in possession of the article or is in any way entitled to the custody or control of the article;

“insanitary conditions” means such conditions or circumstances as might contaminate any food with dirt or filth or render the same injurious to health or unfit for human consumption;

“label” means any printed, pictorial, or other descriptive matter appearing on or attached to, any package containing food for sale;

“officer” means any person appointed as an officer for the purposes of this Act by the Minister and includes the Director;

“package” includes every means by which goods may be cased, enclosed, contained or packed;

“poison” means any substance deemed to be a poison within the meaning of the Poisons Act (Cap. 164);

“sale” or “sell” includes barter and exchange, and also includes offering or attempting to sell, or causing or allowing to be sold, or exposing for sale, or receiving or sending or delivering for sale, or supplying any food where consideration is to be received by the supplier for such supply either specifically or as part of a service contracted for, or having in possession for sale, or having in possession any food or appliance knowing that the same is likely to be sold or offered or exposed for sale, and refers only to sale for human consumption or use;