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ORDINANCE No. LIX OF 1959

[2nd December, 1959]

An Ordinance to make provision for certain matters connected with the development of the power alcohol industry.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for certain matters connected with the development of the power alcohol industry under Federal control ;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the seventh day of October 1958, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance :—

1. Short title extent and commencement.—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Power Alcohol Ordinance, 1959.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) This section and section 2 shall come into force at once, and the rest of the Ordinance or such portion thereof shall come into force in such area and on such date as the ¹[Federal Government] may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify in this behalf.

2. Definition. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

(a) “molasses” means the heavy dark coloured residual syrup drained away in the final stage of the manufacture of sugar by vacuum pans in sugar factories either from sugar cane or by refining gur, when such a syrup has fermentable sugars (expressed as reducing sugars) but does not include the final residual left in the manufacture of sugar by the open pan process ;

¹ Subs. by F.A.O., 1975, Art. 2 and Table, for “Central Government”.

(b) “petrol” means dangerous petroleum as defined in clause (b) of section 2 of the Petroleum Act, 1934 ;

(c) “power alcohol” means ethyl alcohol containing not less than 99.5 *per centum* by volume of ethanol measured at sixty degrees Fahrenheit corresponding to 74.4 overproof strength.

3. Production of power alcohol.—(1) No person shall manufacture power alcohol from any substance other than molasses or such other substance as may be specified by the ¹[Federal Government] by notification in the official Gazette.

(2) If any dispute arises as to whether any substance is or is not molasses or such other substance as may be specified under sub-section (1), the decision of an officer authorized by the ¹[Federal Government] in this behalf regarding such dispute shall be final and shall not be called in question in any Court.

4. Power to regulate production and disposal of power alcohol. The ¹[Federal Government] may regulate the production and disposal of power alcohol by any distillery situated in any area in which this section is in force.

5. Power to direct use of power alcohol as motive power.—(1) The ¹[Federal Government] may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that in such area as may be specified therein no petrol shall be sold or kept for sale except with an admixture of power alcohol.

(2) The proportion of petrol and power alcohol in such mixture shall in any area and for any purpose be such as may from time to time be specified by the ¹[Federal Government] by notification in the official Gazette but such proportion of power alcohol in the case of mixture with petrol meant for use as motive power for any motor vehicle shall not be more than twenty-five *per centum* or less than five *per centum* by volume.

¹ Subs. by F.A.O., 1975, Art. 2 and Table, for “Central Government”.