

Customs (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 7th April 1978.

An Act to amend the Customs Act (Chapter 133 of the Revised Edition).

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

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Customs (Amendment) Act, 1978, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 3

2. Subsection (1) of section 3 of the Customs Act is hereby amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “bottled beer”, the following definition: —

“ “bottling” in the case of intoxicating liquors, includes blending, compounding and varying any intoxicating liquor with intent that the blend, compound, or varied intoxicating liquor so formed shall be sold for human consumption, but does not include any such blend, compound or varied intoxicating liquor prepared at the order of a purchaser, and for immediate consumption;”;

(b) by deleting the word “Comptroller” in the second line of the definition of “bottling warehouse” and substituting therefor the word “Director-General”;

(c) by deleting the definition of “Comptroller”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “customs territory”, the following definition: —

“ “deleterious substance” means any matter —

(a) which is unfit for human consumption; or

(b) the consumption of which is harmful to human being,

as certified by the Director of Scientific Services;”;

- (e) by deleting the word “Comptroller” at the end of the definition of “denatured” and substituting therefor the word “Director-General”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “denatured”, the following definitions: —

““Director-General” means the Director-General of Customs and Excise appointed under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 4 of this Act;

“Director of Scientific Services” includes the Deputy Director of Scientific Services, the Principal Scientific Officer, the Senior Scientific Officer and the Scientific Officer of the Department of Scientific Services;”;

- (g) by deleting paragraph (a) of the definition of “manufacture” and substituting therefor the following: —

“(a) in the case of intoxicating liquors, includes the process of distillation, fermentation and any process of converting raw materials into an intoxicating liquor, but does not include blending, compounding and varying of any intoxicating liquor;”;

- (h) by deleting paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of “officer of customs” and substituting therefor the following: —

“(a) the Director-General;

(b) the Deputy Director-General, any Senior Director and any Director of Customs and Excise appointed under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 4 of this Act;”;

- (i) by deleting paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of “senior officer of customs” and substituting therefor the following: —

“(a) the Director-General;

(b) the Deputy Director-General, any Senior Director and any Director of Customs and Excise appointed under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 4 of this Act;” and

- (j) by deleting the word “Comptroller” in the sixth line of the definition of

“tourist” and substituting therefor the word “Director-General”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the Customs Act is hereby amended by deleting subsections (1), (2) and (3) thereof and the marginal note thereto and substituting therefor the following: —

“Appointment of Director-General, Deputy Director-General, Senior Directors and Directors

4.—(1) The Minister may appoint an officer to be styled the Director-General of Customs and Excise and may appoint a Deputy Director-General of Customs and Excise and such number of Senior Directors and Directors of Customs and Excise as he may think fit.

(2) The Director-General shall have the superintendence of all matters relating to this Act, subject to the direction and control of the Minister.

(3) The Deputy Director-General, Senior Directors and Directors shall be subject to the general direction and supervision of the Director-General and, subject thereto, shall have and exercise all the powers conferred on the Director-General by or under this Act.”.

Amendment of section 21

4. Subsection (1) of section 21 of the Customs Act is hereby amended by deleting the words “of importation” in the third and fourth lines and substituting therefor the words “when the duty becomes payable”.

Amendment of section 25

5. Subsection (2) of section 25 of the Customs Act is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor: —

“(2) For the purpose of this section, “trade samples” means articles which are imported solely —

- (a) for the purpose of being shown or demonstrated in Singapore to enable manufacturers in Singapore to produce such articles to fulfil orders from abroad or for the soliciting of orders for goods to be supplied from abroad; or
- (b) by a manufacturer for the purposes of copying, testing or experimenting before he produces such articles in Singapore,

and which are used solely for the purposes set out in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection and are not sold or consumed or put to normal use or used in any way