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(Hon. Mr. Curtis.)

Distillation Act Amendment.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Distillation Act, 1868." Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Distillation Act, 1868:" Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Distillation Act Amendment Act, 1872." Short Title.

2. In this Act "the said Act" shall mean "The Distillation Act, 1868;" and this Act and the said Act shall be read and construed as one Act. How to be read.

3. No license issued under the one hundred and twenty-fifth, or one hundred and thirty-fifth, and one hundred and thirty-sixth sections of the said Act shall, after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, exempt the holder thereof from complying with the requirements of any other Act or Ordinance for regulating the sale of spirits wine or fermented liquor, or for the licensing of brewers, which may for the time being be in force in the Province place or district in which the business of such holder is carried on. Requirements of Provincial Ordinances to be observed by wine and spirit dealers licensed under said Act.

4. Notwithstanding the prohibition contained in the one hundred and twenty-eighth section of the said Act, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Customs to grant permission, under such regulations and conditions as he may think fit, to any licensed retailer of spirituous or fermented liquors to brew beer for sale on his premises. Publicans may be allowed to brew beer for sale on their own premises.

Samples of wash may be taken, and the original gravity before fermentation determined, as herein directed.

5. It shall be lawful for any officer to take such samples of wash from the wash back or wash charger in a distillery, or from both of such vessels, as he may think proper, and in order to ascertain or determine the original gravity of the wort from which the wash was made before fermentation had taken place therein, a definite quantity by measure of the wash shall be distilled, and the distillate and the spent wash respectively shall be made up with distilled water each of them to the original measure of the wash before distillation, and the specific gravity thereof respectively shall be then ascertained, and the number of degrees and parts of a degree of specific gravity by which such distillate shall be less than the specific gravity of distilled water shall be deemed to be the spirit indication of such distillate; and the actual specific gravity of such spent wash added to the degree of original gravity set forth in the table contained in the Schedule annexed to this Act opposite to the degree of spirit indication contained in the same table shall be deemed to be the original specific gravity of such wash before fermentation; and for the purposes aforesaid all the weighings and measurings that may be necessary to be made of the respective liquids shall be made when the same are at the temperature of sixty degrees of Fahrenheit's Thermometer, and at that temperature distilled water shall be considered as one thousand; and if the original gravity of such wort, as found and determined in the manner aforesaid, shall exceed by more than two degrees the gravity thereof as declared by the distiller, he shall forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds, and also the sum of sixpence for every gallon of wash contained in the wash back or wash charger from which the wash so distilled was taken: Provided always that the distiller or any person acting on his behalf may, if he shall so desire, be present at the distillation of such wash and at the performance of such process as aforesaid for ascertaining the said original gravity.

6. From and after the passing of this Act, in lieu of the forty-fourth section of the said Act, there shall be substituted the following provisions:—

All wash made in a distillery shall be fermented in the fermenting wash backs, and shall be conveyed directly from thence into the wash charger, and from such charger into the still, there to be distilled; all low wines shall be conveyed directly from the safe at the worm end of the wash still into the low wines receiver, and be pumped up or conveyed from thence into the low wines and feints charger or chargers, and shall be conveyed directly from such charger or chargers into the low wines still, there to be redistilled; and all spirits shall be conveyed directly from the safe at the worm end of the still into the spirits receiver or feints receiver, and so much of such spirits as shall be conveyed into the feints receiver shall be pumped or conveyed directly from thence into the low wines and feints charger or chargers or wash charger, or intermediate still charger, and directly from such charger or chargers into the still to be redistilled; and the produce of the last-mentioned redistillation, and of every other redistillation, shall in like manner be conveyed directly from the safe at the worm end of the still into the spirits receiver or into the feints receiver; and no feints conveyed into the feints receiver shall in any case be removed from thence except by pumping, or by a discharge cock conveying the same directly into the low wines and feints charger or chargers, or wash charger, or intermediate still charger; from whence such feints shall be conveyed directly into the still for redistillation, until the whole of such feints shall be made into spirits, and be conveyed and run into the spirit receiver; and no spirits conveyed into the spirit receiver shall be redistilled or removed from such receiver except into the spirit storeroom of the distiller, in the manner directed in the said Act: And if in a distillery any wash shall be fermented, or any wash low wines

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feints or spirits shall be removed or distilled contrary or otherwise than according to the directions aforesaid, or if the whole of the spirits made or distilled shall not be conveyed and run into the spirit receiver, such wash low wines feints and spirits respectively, together with all vessels and utensils wherein the same may be contained, shall be forfeited, and the distiller shall forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds, or twenty shillings for every gallon of such wash low wines feints or spirits, at the election of the Chief Inspector of Distilleries or person who shall inform or sue for the same.

10 7. From and after the passing of this Act, in lieu of the forty-eighth section of the said Act, there shall be substituted the following provisions:—

Distiller to give one hour's notice before removing wash from the fermenting back to the wash-charger.

Before any wash shall be conveyed from any fermenting wash-back, one hour's notice, in writing, shall be given to the proper officer by or on behalf of the distiller, stating the number of the back in which the wash is contained, the specific gravity of such wash, and the day and hour when the same is to be removed; and the officer shall attend at the time specified in such notice, and after he shall have locked the charging cock of the wash still he shall remove all such fastenings as prevent the conveyance of the wash from any back mentioned in such notice into the wash charger, and then, without delay, all the wash which shall be contained in such fermenting wash back, or so much thereof as shall fill the charger, if the same shall not be capable of containing the whole of the wash in one back, shall be conveyed into the wash charger in manner prescribed in this Act, and the officer, after having affixed and secured the fastenings which he had so removed, shall be at liberty to take an account of the true quantity and gravity of such wash. And if any wash shall be removed before such notice shall have been given, or shall be removed or conveyed from any other fermenting back, or at any other time or in any other manner than shall have been mentioned in such notice, or before the proper officer shall have removed or secured respectively such fastenings as before mentioned, and taken account of the true quantity and gravity of the wash in such charger, the distiller shall forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds.

8. From and after the passing of this Act, in lieu of the fifty-sixth section of the said Act, there shall be substituted the following provisions:—

The produce from worts made on the premises not to be mixed with produce of liquor fermented elsewhere.

It shall not be lawful for any distiller, without having first obtained the permission of the Chief Inspector of Distilleries, to mix or suffer to be mixed in any charger still receiver or vat, or in any vessel or utensil whatsoever, any worts or wash made or fermented in his distillery, or any low wines feints or spirits produced therefrom, with any wine ale beer or any fermented liquor whatsoever, which shall not have been fermented or made in his distillery, or with any low wines feints or spirits produced therefrom, and any distiller offending against the provisions of this enactment shall forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred pounds: Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any licensed distiller from adding, as provided in the said Act, spirits made elsewhere, for the purpose of imparting a flavour to any spirits made by such distiller.

9. From and after the passing of this Act, in lieu of the ninety-third section of the said Act, there shall substituted the following provisions:—

Returns of spirits distilled to be published.

55 Within three months of the thirty-first day of December in every year, the Commissioner of Customs shall cause a return to be made and published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, specifying the number of proof gallons, or gallons chargeable with duty, of spirits distilled in the Colony and warehoused during the previous year, the number of gallons of such spirits cleared and taken out of warehouse for

home consumption and for exportation respectively, and the number of gallons of such spirits remaining in warehouse on the thirty-first day of December in each year.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING ACT,
CONTAINING A TABLE TO BE USED IN DETERMINING THE ORIGINAL SPECIFIC GRAVITY
OF WORTS OR WASH.

Degrees of Spirit Indication.	Degrees of Original Specific Gravity.	Degrees of Spirit Indication.	Degrees of Original Specific Gravity.	Degrees of Spirit Indication.	Degrees of Original Specific Gravity.	Degrees of Spirit Indication.	Degrees of Original Specific Gravity.
1	3	4.1	15.5	8.1	34.3	12.1	54.9
2	6	4.2	16.0	8.2	34.8	12.2	55.4
3	9	4.3	16.4	8.3	35.4	12.3	55.9
4	1.2	4.4	16.8	8.4	35.9	12.4	56.4
5	1.5	4.5	17.3	8.5	36.5	12.5	56.9
6	1.8	4.6	17.7	8.6	37.0	12.6	57.4
7	2.1	4.7	18.2	8.7	37.5	12.7	57.9
8	2.4	4.8	18.6	8.8	38.0	12.8	58.4
9	2.7	4.9	19.1	8.9	38.6	12.9	58.9
10	3.0	5.0	19.5	9.0	39.1	13.0	59.4
11	3.3	5.1	19.9	9.1	39.7	13.1	60.0
12	3.7	5.2	20.4	9.2	40.2	13.2	60.5
13	4.1	5.3	20.9	9.3	40.7	13.3	61.1
14	4.4	5.4	21.3	9.4	41.2	13.4	61.6
15	4.8	5.5	21.8	9.5	41.7	13.5	62.2
16	5.1	5.6	22.2	9.6	42.2	13.6	62.7
17	5.5	5.7	22.7	9.7	42.7	13.7	63.3
18	5.9	5.8	23.1	9.8	43.2	13.8	63.8
19	6.2	5.9	23.6	9.9	43.7	13.9	64.3
20	6.6	6.0	24.1	10.0	44.2	14.0	64.8
21	7.0	6.1	24.6	10.1	44.7	14.1	65.4
22	7.4	6.2	25.0	10.2	45.1	14.2	65.9
23	7.8	6.3	25.5	10.3	45.6	14.3	66.5
24	8.2	6.4	26.0	10.4	46.0	14.4	67.1
25	8.6	6.5	26.4	10.5	46.5	14.5	67.6
26	9.0	6.6	26.9	10.6	47.0	14.6	68.2
27	9.4	6.7	27.4	10.7	47.5	14.7	68.7
28	9.8	6.8	27.8	10.8	48.0	14.8	69.3
29	10.2	6.9	28.3	10.9	48.5	14.9	69.9
30	10.7	7.0	28.8	11.0	49.0	15.0	70.5
31	11.1	7.1	29.2	11.1	49.6	15.1	71.1
32	11.5	7.2	29.7	11.2	50.1	15.2	71.7
33	12.0	7.3	30.2	11.3	50.6	15.3	72.3
34	12.4	7.4	30.7	11.4	51.2	15.4	72.9
35	12.9	7.5	31.2	11.5	51.7	15.5	73.5
36	13.3	7.6	31.7	11.6	52.2	15.6	74.1
37	13.8	7.7	32.2	11.7	52.7	15.7	74.7
38	14.2	7.8	32.7	11.8	53.3	15.8	75.3
39	14.7	7.9	33.2	11.9	53.8	15.9	75.9
40	15.1	8.0	33.7	12.0	54.3	16.0	76.5

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