

**BILL No. 22 of 1992****THURSDAY, 16TH JULY, 1992**

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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

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**GUYANA**

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**CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTION**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of section 27 of the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of section 34 of the Principal Act.
5. Amendment of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act.

## A BILL

## Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Customs Act.

A. D. 1992

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.  
Cap. 82:01

1. This Act, which amends the Customs Act, may be cited as the Customs (Amendment) Act 1992.

Amendment  
of section  
2 of the  
Principal  
Act.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the insertion after the definition of "aircraft" of the following definition —  
"alcohol" means ethyl alcohol;
- (b) by the deletion of the definition of "proof";
- (c) by the deletion of the definition of "spirit";
- (d) by the insertion after the definition of "steamship" of the following definition —

Cap 82:24

"strength" in relation to any liquor, means its alcoholic strength computed in accordance with section 2(2) (c) of the "Spirits Act".

Amendment  
of section  
27 of the  
Principal  
Act.

3. Section 27 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the full stop at the end of a colon and the insertion of the following proviso thereto —

"Provided that where goods contained in any package consists of alcohol, the liquid measurement thereof shall be in litres or fractions of a litre."

Amendment  
of section  
34 of the  
Principal  
Act.

4. Section 34 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "forty-two percent of proof spirit" in both places where they occur and "twenty percent of proof spirit" in both places where they occur of the words "twenty-four percent of alcohol" and "eleven decimal four percent of alcohol", respectively.

Amendment  
of the  
Second Schedule to the  
Principal  
Act.

5. Item 4 of Part 11 of the Second Schedule of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "nine gallons" and "one gallon" of the words "fourty-one litres" and "four decimal five litres", respectively.

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to amend the Customs Act, Cap. 82:01, to change the method by which the strength of any liquor is determined so as to conform with the International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML) system of Alcoholometry. As a result of the amendment sought to be made, all units of Imperial weights and measures pertaining to goods containing alcohol are changed to Metric Units.

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