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**GUYANA**

BILL No. 23 OF 1992

BITTERS AND CORDIALS (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL 1992

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
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9. Amendment of section 22 of the Principal Act.

## A BILL

Intituled,

AN ACT to amend the Bitters and Cordials Act. —

A. D. 1992

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.

Cap. 82:23

1. This Act, which amends the Bitters and Cordials Act, may be cited as the Bitters and Cordials (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 words "In this Act —" of the following definition —  
"alcohol" means ethyl alcohol; and

(b) in the definition of "sweets", by the substitution for the words "four percent" and "twenty-six percent of proof spirit" of the words "two decimal three percent" and "fourteen decimal eight percent of alcohol", respectively.

Amendment  
of section  
10 of the  
Principal  
Act.

3. Subsection (2) of section 10 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "liquid and proof gallons" of the words "litres and litres of alcohol".

Amendment  
of section  
11 of the  
Principal  
Act.

4. Section 11 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "liquid gallons" of the word "litres".

Amendment  
of section  
13 of the  
Principal  
Act.

5. Paragraph (c) of section 13 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "liquid gallons" of the word "litres".

Amendment  
of section  
15 of the  
Principal  
Act.

6. Section 15 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words beginning with "two imperial liquid gallons" and ending with "half-pint bottles" of the words "nine litres, or one dozen of seven hundred and fifty-seven millilitres bottles or two dozen of three hundred and seventy-eight millilitres bottles, or four dozen of one hundred and eighty-nine millilitres bottles".

Amendment  
of section  
16 of the  
Principal  
Act.

7. Subsection (2) of section 16 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "gallons at proof" wherever they occur of the words "litres of alcohol".

8. Section 21 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment  
of section  
21 of the  
Principal  
Act.

(a) in subsection (1) —

- (i) by the substitution for the word "Sikes" where it first appears, of the words "an approved alcohol";
- (ii) by the substitution for the words "A Table of the strength of spirits denoted by Sikes' hydrometer" of the words "Practical Alcohol Tables, Volume 2";

(b) in subsection (3), by the substitution for the word "Sikes'" of the words "an approved alcohol".

9. Section 22, and the marginal note thereto, of the Principal Act are hereby amended by the substitution for the words "one gallon" and "four percent of proof spirit" of the words "four decimal five litres" and "two decimal three percent of alcohol", respectively.

Amendment  
of section  
22 of the  
Principal  
Act.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Bitters and Cordials Act, Cap. 82:23, to change the mode 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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