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GUYANA

BILL No. 24 OF 1992

INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSING (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL 1992

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act.

A. D. 1992

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana :—

Short title.

Cap. 82:21

1. This Act, which amends the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act, may be cited as the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing (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 renumbering of it as subsection (1) and in and in subsection (1) as so renumbered —

(i) by the insertion after the words “In this Act—” of the following definition—
“alcohol” means ethyl alcohol;

(ii) in the definition of “by wholesale”, by the substitution for the words “forty-five gallons”, “twenty gallons”, and “forty gallons” of the words “two hundred and four litres”, “ninety litres” and “one hundred and eighty-one litres” respectively;

(iii) by the insertion after the definition of “Intoxicating Liquor” of the following definition —

“litre” means the litre as defined by any written law’;

(iv) in the definition of “malt liquor”, by the substitution for the words “twenty percent or less than two and a half percent of proof spirit” of the words “eleven decimal four percent or less than one decimal four percent of alcohol”;

- (v) by the deletion of the definitions of "proof" and "quart";
- (vi) in the definition of "spirituous liquor", by the substitution for the words "twenty percent of proof spirit" of the words "eleven decimal four percent of alcohol";
- (vii) by the insertion of the following definition after the definition of "spirituous liquor"—
 - “strength”, in relation to any liquor means its alcoholic strength computed in accordance with this section and the ratio referred to in subsection (2) (c) being expressed as a percentage;”
- (viii) in the definition of "wine", by the substitution for the words "forty-two percent or less than four percent of proof spirit" of the words "twenty-four percent or less than two decimal three percent of alcohol";

(b) by the insertion, after subsection (1) as so renumbered, of the following subsection as subsection (2) —

“(2) For the purposes of this Act —

- (a) except where some other measure of quantity is specified, any computation of the quantity of any liquor shall be made in terms of the volume of the liquor or alcohol as the case may be;
- (b) any computation of the volume of any liquor or of the alcohol contained in any liquor shall be made in litres as at 20° celsius; and
- (c) the alcoholic strength of any liquor shall be the ratio of the volume of the alcohol contained in the liquor to the volume of the liquor (inclusive of the alcohol contained therein).”

3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment
of section
3 of the
Principal
Act.

- (a) in paragraph (d), by the substitution for the words "two quarts" of the words "two litres"; and
- (b) in paragraph (h), by the substitution for the words "twenty-five percent of proof spirit" of the words "fourteen decimal three percent of alcohol".

Amendment
of section
43 of the
Principal
Act.

4. Section 43 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "thirty gallons" of the words "one hundred and thirty-six litres".

Amendment
of section
49 of the
Principal
Act.

5. Section 49 of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows —

- (a) in subsection (1) by the substitution for the words "not below twenty-five percent under proof" of the words "not below forty percent of alcohol"; and
- (b) in subsections (2) and (3), by the substitution for the words "below twenty-five percent under proof" of the words "below forty percent of alcohol".

Amendment
of section
62 of the
Principal
Act.

6. Subsections (1) and (2), paragraphs (a) and (b) of the proviso to subsection (2) and the marginal note of section 62 of the Principal Act are hereby amended by the substitution for the words "two quarts", wherever they occur, of the words "two litres".

Amendment
of section
65 of the
Principal
Act.

7. Subsection (1) of section 65 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "proof by Sikes" of the words "strength by an approved alcohol".

Amendment
of section
73 of the
Principal
Act.

8. Subsections (1) and (2) and the marginal note of section 73 of the Principal Act are hereby amended by the substitution for the words "two quarts" of the words "two litres".

Amendment
of section
74 of the
Principal
Act.

9. Section 74 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "two quarts" wherever they occur of the words "two litres".

Amendment
of section
75 of the
Principal
Act.

10. Subsection (1) of section 75 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "fifty gallons" of the words "two hundred and twenty-seven litres".

Amendment
of section
83 of the
Principal
Act.

11. Section 83 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "one quart" of the words "one litre".

12. Section 88 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "one quart" of the words "one litre".

Amendment
of section
88 of the
Principal
Act.

13. The Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment
of the Sched-
ule of the
Principal
Act.

(a) in form 9 —

- (i) in the sixth column, by the substitution for the word "gallons" of the word "litres";
- (ii) in the eighth column, by the substitution for the words "gallons at proof" of the words "litres of alcohol at 20° C";

(b) in form 11, in the first column, by the substitution for the word "gallons" of the word "litres" and in the second column, by the substitution for the words "two quarts" and "gallons", whenever they occur, of the words "two litres" and "litres", respectively;

(c) in form 12 —

- (i) in the first column, by the deletion of the words "(by Sikes Hydrometer)", and by the substitution for the word "gallons" of the word "litres";
- (ii) in the second column, by the substitution for the words "two quarts" of the words "two litres" for the words "gallons" whenever they occur, of the word "litres", and by the deletion of the words "(by Sikes Hydrometer)";

(d) in form 14 —

- (i) in the second column, by the substitution for the word "gallons" of the word "litres";
- (ii) in the third column, by the substitution for the words "Degree of strength" of the word "Strength".

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act, Cap. 82:21, 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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