

Bill No. 8 of 1972

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TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1972

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 3 of the Principal Ordinance.
3. Amendment of section 4 of the Principal Ordinance.
4. Amendment of the Bitters and Cordials Ordinance.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Tax Ordinance for the purpose of introducing an excise tax and to effect consequential amendments to the Bitters and Cordials Ordinance.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

A. D. 1972

1. This Act, which amends the Tax Ordinance, may be cited as the Tax (Amendment) Act, 1972. Short title
Cap. 298

2. The proviso to section 3(1) (a) of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects — Amendment
of section
3 of the

- (a) by the deletion of the word "and" appearing at the end of paragraph (iv);

- (b) by the substitution of the words “; and” for the comma appearing at the end of paragraph (v); and
- (c) by the insertion immediately after the said paragraph (v) of the following paragraph —

“(vi) Spirituous compound known as Pimm’s No. 1 Cup, produced or manufactured and taken or sold as aforesaid, the ingredients whereof include imported spirit the duty shall be at the rate of twenty-eight dollars”.

Amendment
of Section 4
of the
Principal
Ordinance.

3. Subsection (1) of section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects

- (a) by the substitution for paragraph (a) of the following paragraph —

“(a) upon sweets as defined by the Bitters and Cordials Ordinance, manufactured in Guyana and taken or sold for consumption therein —

- (i) in respect of Guyanese wines, not exceeding twenty-six per cent proof spirit, the ingredients whereof do not include manufactured spirit, and which wines are manufactured from unfermented imported grape must, a duty at the rate of one dollar; and

- (ii) in respect of all other sweets a duty at the rate of fifty cents, for every liquid gallon and in proportion for any less quantity than a liquid gallon;”;

- (b) by the renumbering of sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph (b) as sub-paragraph (vi) and by the insertion therein immediately after the word “compounds” of the words “, not otherwise subject to a duty under section 3”; and

- (c) by the insertion in the said paragraph (b) of the following sub-paragraph —

“(v) in respect of Guyanese wines not exceeding forty-two per cent proof spirit, the spirituous ingredients whereof are locally manufactured, and which wines are manufactured from unfermented imported grape must, a duty at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents for every

liquid gallon and in proportion for any less quantity than a liquid gallon”.

4. The Bitters and Cordials Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment
of the Bitters
and Cordials
Ordinance,
Cap. 318

(a) by the insertion immediately after the word “spirit” in the definition of the word “sweets” in section 2, of the words “, and includes Guyanese wines”; and

(b) by the addition to section 5 of the following subsection—

“(5) Nothing in this section and in sections 3 and 4 shall be construed as precluding the issue by the Comptroller of a licence to a compounder to manufacture sweets and compounds on the same premises.”

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

To encourage the local manufacture of gin and wine, it is proposed to exempt from import duty the spirit and other concentrates used in the respective process of manufacture. To recoup in some measure the revenue envisaged to be lost as a result of such exemption an excise tax on the two products is sought to be imposed under the Tax Ordinance by clauses 2 and 3 of this Bill.

In addition, as the particular type of gin may be considered to be a compound within the meaning of section 4 of that Ordinance, the opportunity is taken to amend that section so as to remove any conflict that may arise in the interpretation of the said sections 3 and 4.

Arising from the manufacture of Guyanese wines, a consequential amendment to the Bitters and Cordials Ordinance is proposed by clause 4 of the Bill.

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