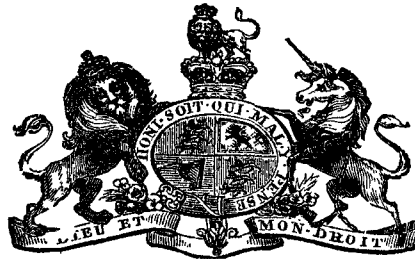


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1895, No. 27.

Title.

AN ACT to regulate the Manufacture and Sale of Margarine.

[16th October, 1895.]

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

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Margarine Act, 1895."

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"Butter-fat" means the pure fat of cows' milk:

"Margarine" includes all substances, whether compound or not, prepared or manufactured from any form of animal fats (other than butter-fat or milk), or of animal, mineral, or vegetable oils, and capable of being used as a substitute for butter.

Who may prepare margarine.

3. (1.) It shall not be lawful to prepare or manufacture margarine except in pursuance of a license to be granted by the Minister of Agriculture.

(2.) Every such license—

(a.) Shall continue in force for one year only, but may be renewed from year to year;

(b.) Shall be subject to the provisions of this Act.

(3.) There shall be paid in respect of the grant of each license, and of each annual renewal thereof, the fee of one pound.

Illegal acts.

4. It shall not be lawful—

(1.) To mix, colour, stain, or powder margarine with any ingredient or material so as to imitate butter; nor

(2.) To mix margarine with butter, butter-fat, or milk; nor

(3.) To manufacture, sell, or offer for sale as butter any margarine or other substance which contains or with which is mixed any animal fats, or animal, mineral, or vegetable oils, or extraneous butter-fat, or oil; nor

(4.) To export or attempt to export margarine, unless the same is distinctly shipped and invoiced as margarine.

5. It shall be the duty of every manufacturer of margarine to cause every keg, box, or package containing margarine to be distinctly and durably branded or marked "Margarine" on the top and on one side, in printed capital letters not less than one and a half inches square, before the same leaves his premises. Packages, how branded.

6: (1.) Every person who in any manner contravenes any of the provisions of the last three preceding sections of this Act is liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, and if he is the holder of a license under this Act the license may be forfeited. Penalties.

(2.) If any person ships or attempts to ship for export from the colony any margarine, in breach of any of the provisions of the said three preceding sections, then, in addition to the penalty hereinbefore prescribed, the margarine may be seized by any officer of Customs, and shall be forfeited to the Crown, and sold, or otherwise disposed of as the Commissioner of Customs directs.

7. (1.) Every person who sells margarine by either wholesale or retail, save in a keg, box, or package branded or marked as aforesaid, shall deliver such margarine to the purchaser in or with a wrapper on which is distinctly printed "Margarine," in capital letters not less than a quarter of an inch square. All wrappers to be marked.

(2.) Every person who in any way contravenes this section is liable to a penalty not exceeding one pound. Penalty.

8. The Governor may from time to time appoint such Inspectors and other officers as he deems necessary for the administration of this Act. Governor may appoint Inspectors.

9. Every Inspector and other officer appointed under "The Dairy Industry Act, 1894," shall be deemed to be appointed under this Act, and shall have and may exercise for the purposes of this Act all the powers and authorities conferred upon them by that Act. Inspectors' powers.

10. (1.) The Governor, by Order in Council gazetted, may from time to time make regulations prescribing— Governor in Council may make regulations.

(a.) The conditions and restrictions subject to which any license under this Act shall be granted, and for the breach of which it may be forfeited, if he so prescribes ;

(b.) The powers and duties of Inspectors and other officers appointed under this Act ;

(c.) All such other matters and things as he deems necessary in order to give full effect to the provisions of this Act.

(2.) In and by such regulations the Governor in Council may impose a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for the breach of any such regulation, and such penalty may be irrespective of and additional to the forfeiture of the license. Penalty.