

## WINE OVERSEAS MARKETING.

### No. 6 of 1929.

## An Act relating to the Export of Wine and for other purposes.

[Assented to 22nd March, 1929.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

**Short title.**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Wine Overseas Marketing Act 1929*.

**Commencement of Act.**

2.—(1.) Sections one, two, six and thirty of this Act shall commence on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, and the remaining sections of this Act shall commence on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

(2.) A Proclamation under this section shall not issue unless and until, at a poll of owners of wineries or distilleries taken in the prescribed manner throughout the Commonwealth, a majority of votes have been given in favour of the Act being brought into operation.

**Duration of Act.**

3.—(1.) If, within one month after this Act has been in operation for a period of three years or within one month after the expiration of any further period of three years, a requisition for a poll, signed by at least thirty per centum of the owners of wineries or distilleries, is sent to the Minister, a poll shall thereupon be held in the prescribed manner in regard to the question whether the Act shall continue in operation.

(2.) If a majority of the owners of wineries or distilleries voting at the poll are opposed to the continued operation of the Act, the Act shall cease to have effect upon a date to be fixed by Proclamation, not being later than one month after the result of the poll has been ascertained.

**Definitions.**

4. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“ wine ” means any wine produced from grapes grown within the Commonwealth ;

- “winery” means, for the purposes of the requisition of a poll and voting under this Act, an establishment which handled not less than ten tons of grapes for use in the manufacture of wine during the year ended the thirtieth day of June last preceding the poll or election ;
- “distillery” means, for the purpose of the requisition of a poll and voting under this Act, an establishment which handled not less than ten tons of grapes for use in the manufacture of spirit during the year ended the thirtieth day of June last, preceding the poll or election ;
- “the Board” means the Wine Overseas Marketing Board constituted under this Act ;
- “the Fund” means the Wine Export Fund established under this Act.

5.—(1.) For the purposes of this Act, there shall be a Wine Overseas Marketing Board.

Wine  
Overseas  
Marketing  
Board.

(2.) The Board shall consist of—

- (a) one member with commercial experience (in this Act referred to as “the Government representative”) who shall be appointed by the Governor-General as the representative of the Commonwealth Government, and who shall not be directly or indirectly connected with the industry ;
- (b) two representatives elected to represent co-operative wineries and distilleries ;
- (c) one representative elected to represent proprietary and privately owned wineries and distilleries in the States of New South Wales and Queensland ;
- (d) one representative elected to represent proprietary and privately owned wineries and distilleries in the State of Victoria ;
- (e) two representatives elected to represent proprietary and privately owned wineries and distilleries in the State of South Australia ; and
- (f) one representative elected to represent proprietary and privately owned wineries and distilleries in the State of Western Australia.

(3.) The Governor-General shall not appoint as a Government representative any person who has submitted himself for, and failed to secure, election as a member of the Board.

(4.) The member appointed as the Government representative shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor-General.

(5.) The election of representatives in pursuance of paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of sub-section (2.) of this section shall be carried out in such manner as is prescribed.

(6.) Elected members of the Board shall hold office for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election.

(7.) An elected member may be removed from office by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Board.

(8.) On the death, resignation or removal from office of an elected member of the Board, the Governor-General may, on the recommendation of the Board, appoint a person to hold the vacant office for the residue of the term of the elected member.

(9.) The powers conferred on the Board by this Act shall not be affected by reason only of there being a vacancy in the membership thereof.

Date of election of members of the Board.

6. Notwithstanding that a Proclamation under section two of this Act has not been issued, elections of members of the Board in pursuance of the last preceding section may be held on the same day as that appointed for the taking of the poll referred to in section two of this Act.

Incorporation of Board.

7. The Board shall be a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, and of holding real and personal property.

Deputies of members.

8.—(1.) The Governor-General may, in respect of each member of the Board, appoint a person to be the deputy of that member.

(2.) A person appointed in pursuance of the last preceding subsection shall, in the event of the illness or absence of the member of whom he is the deputy, have all the powers of that member during his illness or absence.

(3.) The person appointed to be the deputy of an elected member shall be a person named by the Board.

(4.) No such appointment of a deputy, and no acts done by him as such, shall in any proceedings be questioned on the ground that the occasion for his appointment had not arisen or had ceased.

Fees and expenses.

9. The members of the Board, and the deputies of members of the Board while acting as such, shall receive such fees and expenses as are prescribed.

Chairman of the Board.

10.—(1.) At the first meeting of the Board, which shall be held at a time and place notified in the *Gazette* by the Minister, the Board shall appoint one of its members to be the Chairman of the Board

(2.) The Chairman of the Board shall hold office until the appointment, in accordance with this section, of a successor and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3.) At a meeting of the Board, which shall be held in the month of July of each year, the Board shall appoint a person to be Chairman for the ensuing period of twelve months.

(4.) At any meeting of the Board at which the Chairman is not present the members present shall appoint one of their number to act as chairman at that meeting.

11.—(1.) Subject to this Act, meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places within the Commonwealth as the Board from time to time determines.

Meetings of  
the Board.

(2.) The Chairman of the Board, or any four members thereof, may at any time call a special meeting of the Board.

(3.) At all meetings of the Board four members shall form a quorum.

(4.) At any meetings of the Board the Chairman shall have a deliberative vote, and in the case of an equality of votes shall also have a casting vote.

(5.) All questions before the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes.

(6.) The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings.

12.—(1.) The Board may constitute an agency of the Board in London (in this Act referred to as "the London Agency").

London  
Agency of  
Board.

(2.) The London Agency shall consist of such number of persons as the Board from time to time determines, one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor-General, and the others shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

(3.) The London Agency shall keep the Board advised as to current prices of wines, and as to other matters relative to the disposal of wines in England or elsewhere, and generally act as the agent of the Board in accordance with the directions of the Board.

13.—(1.) The Board may appoint such officers as are necessary to assist the Board in carrying out its functions under this Act.

Appointment  
of officers.

(2.) Officers appointed in pursuance of this section shall not be subject to the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1928* and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

(3.) The salaries and conditions of employment of officers appointed in pursuance of this section shall be as prescribed.

14. For the purpose of enabling the Board effectively to control the export and the sale and distribution after export of Australian wine, the Governor-General may by Proclamation prohibit the export from the Commonwealth of any wine except in accordance with a licence issued by the Minister subject to such conditions and restrictions as are prescribed after recommendation to the Minister by the Board.

Wine not to be  
exported save  
in accordance  
with  
determination  
of Board.

Licensing of  
traders in  
wine.

15.—(1.) Upon the issue of a Proclamation in pursuance of the last preceding section, the Minister may grant to any person desiring to export wine from the Commonwealth a licence to do so.

(2.) A licence under this section shall, subject to this section, be for such period as is specified in the licence and shall be granted upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed.

(3.) Where the Minister is satisfied, on report by the Board, that any person to whom a licence under this section has been granted has contravened or failed to comply with any term or condition upon which the licence was granted, the Minister may cancel the licence.

Penalty for  
export in  
contravention  
of  
Proclamation.

16. Any person who—

(a) exports wine from the Commonwealth in contravention of any Proclamation under this Act; or

(b) being the holder of a licence under the last preceding section, contravenes or fails to comply with any term or condition upon which the licence was granted,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : One hundred pounds.

Board may  
accept control  
of wine  
intended for  
export.  
Saving as  
to existing  
contracts.

17. The Board may accept control of any wine placed under its control for the purposes of this Act.

18.—(1.) This Act shall not apply with respect to the sale of any wine as to which the Board is satisfied that there is subsisting a contract for purchase and sale made before the first day of February One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

(2.) This Act shall not apply, with respect to the sale of any wine, so as prejudicially to affect the operation of any contract of agency in respect of the sale of wine out of the Commonwealth, if the contract has been entered into in writing on or before the first day of February One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

Contracts for  
shipment of  
wine.

19.—(1.) After the constitution of the Board, or after such later date as the Minister, on the recommendation of the Board, by notice in the *Gazette*, appoints, a contract for the carriage by sea to any place beyond the Commonwealth of any wine shall not be made except by the Board acting as the agent of the owners of the wine or of other persons having authority to export the wine, or in conformity with conditions approved by the Board.

(2.) Every contract for the carriage of wine by sea to any place beyond the Commonwealth made otherwise than in accordance with this section shall be void.

(3.) The Collector or other officer of Customs may require any person who, after the date of the constitution of the Board or after such later date as the Minister, on the recommendation of the Board, appoints, exports any wine from the Commonwealth, on making entry

thereof under the *Customs Act* 1901–1925 and before the entry has been passed, to satisfy him that the contract for the carriage of the wine has been approved by the Board, and the Collector or other officer of Customs may decline to pass the entry until the person has so satisfied him.

(4.) This section shall apply to contracts made before the constitution of the Board or before such later date (whether before or after the commencement of this Act) as the Minister, on the recommendation of the Board, appoints, in like manner as it applies to contracts made after such constitution or date, as the case may be :

Provided that the approval of the Board shall not be required for any such contract if the wine to which it relates is exported from Australia not later than the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

20.—(1.) The Board shall, with respect to any wine placed under its control, have full authority to make such arrangements and give such directions as it thinks fit for the following matters :—

Particular  
powers of  
Board.

- (a) the handling, marketing and storage of the wine ;
- (b) the shipment of the wine on such terms and in such quantities as it thinks fit ;
- (c) the sale and disposal of wine on such terms as it thinks fit ;
- (d) the insurance against loss of any such wine either in the Commonwealth or in transit from the Commonwealth and until disposed of ; and
- (e) all such matters as are necessary for the due discharge of its functions in handling, distributing and disposing of the wine.

(2.) For the purpose of securing any advances made to the Board, or, at the request of the Board, to the owners of any wine placed under the control of the Board, the Board shall, by virtue of this Act and without further authority, have full power, on behalf of the owners of the wine, to give security over the wine and to execute all mortgages and other instruments of assurance in the same manner in all respects as if the Board were the legal owners of the wine.

21.—(1.) There shall be a Wine Export Fund into which shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, all moneys received by a prescribed authority under the *Wine Grapes Charges Act* 1929.

Wine Export  
Fund.

(2.) Where any account referred to in section twenty-three of this Act is opened, payment into that account of the moneys mentioned in the last preceding sub-section shall be held to be payment into the Fund.

(3.) Income derived from the investment of the Fund shall form part thereof.

(4.) The income of the Fund shall not be subject to taxation by the Commonwealth or a State.

Application of moneys paid into Fund.

22. The moneys paid into the Fund shall be applied by the Board as follows :—

- (a) In payment of the expenses and other charges incurred by the Board or for which the Board may become liable in the course of its business ;
- (b) In payment of the salaries and wages of officers and servants of the Board ;
- (c) In payment of travelling allowances, fees or other remuneration to members of the Board or of the London Agency (not being persons permanently employed in the service of the Commonwealth) ; and
- (d) In investment in any securities of, or guaranteed by, the Government of the Commonwealth or of a State.

Moneys in Fund uninvested may be lodged in bank.

23. Moneys held in the Fund uninvested by the Board may be lodged in an account at call or on fixed deposit, or partly at call and partly on fixed deposit, with the Commonwealth Bank, and while in such bank shall be held to be moneys of the Crown.

Moneys received by Board.

24. All moneys received by the Board in respect of the sale of wine or otherwise howsoever (except moneys forming part of the Fund) shall be paid by the Board into a separate account in the Commonwealth Bank.

How cheques signed.

25. Cheques drawn on any account referred to in either of the last two preceding sections shall be signed as prescribed.

Power to call for information.

26.—(1.) The Board may call upon any person to furnish, within such time as is specified by the Board, such information in relation to the wine industry as is necessary for the purpose of this Act.

(2.) Any person who, being called upon in pursuance of this section to furnish information in relation to any matter within his knowledge or under his control, fails to furnish the information within the time specified shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : One hundred pounds.

Audit.

27. The accounts of the Board shall be subject to inspection and audit by the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth.

Liability of Board for its acts.

28.—(1.) The Board in its corporate capacity shall, in all its operations under this Act, be deemed to be the agent of the owners of all wine of which the Board has accepted control, and the mutual

rights, obligations and liabilities of the Board and the several owners shall accordingly be determined in accordance with the law governing the relations between principals and agents, save that nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the power of the Board to exercise, without the authority of the owner of any wine, any power with respect to such wine, which is expressly or by implication conferred on the Board by or under this Act.

(2.) The members of the Board shall not be personally liable for any act or default of the Board done or omitted to be done in good faith in the course of the operations of the Board.

29.—(1.) The Board shall, in the month of July in each year, report to the Minister generally as to the operation of this Act. Annual report.

(2.) A copy of the report of the Board shall be laid on the Table of each House of the Parliament within seven days of its receipt by the Minister, if the Parliament is then sitting, and, if the Parliament is not then sitting, then within seven days of the next meeting of the Parliament.

(3.) The report shall be accompanied by a statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

30. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular for prescribing penalties not exceeding Fifty pounds for any breach of the Regulations. Regulations.

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## WINE GRAPES CHARGES.

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**No. 7 of 1929.**

An Act to impose Charges upon Grapes intended  
for use in the manufacture of Wine.

[Assented to 22nd March, 1929.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Wine Grapes Charges Act 1929*. Short title.