

## WINE EXPORT BOUNTY.

### No. 23 of 1924.

An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on  
the Export of Fortified Wine.

[Assented to 17th September, 1924.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, Preamble.  
and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the  
House of Representatives, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Wine Export Bounty Act* 1924. Short title.
2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Definition.  
“ fortified wine ” means wine, the produce of Australia, which is  
the fermented juice of the grape and which has been forti-  
fied so as to contain not less than thirty-four per centum of  
proof spirit.
3. There shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, Appropriation  
for payment  
of bounty.  
which is hereby appropriated accordingly, the bounty specified in  
this Act.
4. The bounty under this Act shall be payable in respect of fortified Specification  
of bounty.  
wine exported from the Commonwealth on or after the first day of  
September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and on or  
before the thirty-first day of August One thousand nine hundred and  
twenty-seven.
5. The rate of bounty payable under this Act shall be Four shillings Rate of bounty.  
per gallon.
6. The bounty shall be payable to the exporter of the fortified wine. To whom  
bounty payable.
- 7.—(1.) Every claimant of bounty under this Act shall supply with  
his claim a certificate stating the quantity of Doradillo grapes purchased  
by him from each supplier thereof during the two years immediately  
preceding the date of exportation of the fortified wine in respect of  
which bounty is claimed, and the name of each supplier of, and the  
amount paid to each supplier for, such Doradillo grapes. Conditions of  
payment  
of bounty.  
(2.) Before any claim for bounty is paid the Minister may require  
the claimant to furnish, and the claimant shall thereupon furnish,  
such information as to the correctness or otherwise of the certificates

supplied in accordance with the last preceding sub-section as the Minister deems necessary.

Bounty not payable unless Act complied with.

8. No bounty shall be authorized to be paid unless the exporter of the fortified wine furnishes proof to the satisfaction of the Minister that the requirements of this Act and the regulations have been complied with.

Wine to be of good quality.

9 No bounty shall be payable in respect of any fortified wine which is not of good and merchantable quality.

Price of Doradillo grapes used in production.

10. The Minister may withhold the whole or any part of the bounty if he finds that a price, which in his opinion was less than a reasonable price, was paid for any Doradillo grapes used in the production of the fortifying spirit contained in the wine in respect of which the bounty is claimed.

Accounts to be kept.

11.—(1.) A claimant for bounty shall keep proper and separate books of account showing in detail—

- (a) the quantity of Doradillo grapes purchased by him ;
- (b) the amount paid to each supplier of the Doradillo grapes ;
- (c) the name and address of the supplier ; and
- (d) such other particulars as the Minister from time to time requires.

(2.) All books of account kept by a claimant under this section and all documents in the possession of, or under the control of, the claimant relating to Doradillo grapes shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection and audit by any person authorized in that behalf by the Minister and that person may, upon inspection or audit, make and take away extracts from those books of account and documents.

Offences against Act.

12. No person shall—

- (a) obtain any bounty which is not payable ;
- (b) obtain payment of any bounty by means of any false or misleading statement ; or
- (c) present to any officer or other person doing duty in relation to this Act or the regulations, any document, or make to any such officer or person any statement, which is false in any particular.

Penalty : One hundred pounds or imprisonment for twelve months.

Returns to be laid before Parliament.

13. A return setting forth—

- (a) the names of all persons to whom bounties are paid under this Act ;
- (b) the amounts of all such bounties ; and
- (c) such other particulars as are prescribed,

shall be prepared in the month of July in each year, and shall be laid before both Houses of the Parliament within thirty days after its preparation if the Parliament is then sitting, and, if not, then within thirty days after the next meeting thereof.

14. 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 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months for any breach of the regulations. Regulations.

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