
WINE GRAPES CHARGES.

No. 7 of 1929.

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

[Assented to 22nd March, 1929.]

BE 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.

Definitions

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

“grapes” means any grapes delivered to a winery or distillery for use in the manufacture of wine ;

“use in the manufacture of wine” includes use in the making of spirit for the purpose of fortifying wine ;

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

“winery or distillery” means a winery or distillery which handles not less than ten tons of grapes for use in the manufacture of wine during any year in which a charge is imposed under this Act.

Charge on grapes for wine-making.

3.—(1.) A charge is imposed and shall be levied and paid by the owner of any winery or distillery on all grapes which are, after a date to be fixed by Proclamation, delivered to that winery or distillery for use in the manufacture of wine.

(2.) Subject to a lower rate being prescribed by the Regulations, the rate of the charge shall be five shillings for each ton of grapes delivered to a winery or distillery for use in the manufacture of wine.

(3.) All moneys payable under this section in respect of any grapes shall be paid to a prescribed authority on or before the thirtieth day of September following the delivery of those grapes to the winery or distillery.

(4.) All documents and books of account in the possession or under the control of a winemaker or distiller 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.

Exemption from charges.

4.—(1.) The Governor-General may, from time to time, by order published in the *Gazette*, after report to the Minister by the Wine Overseas Marketing Board constituted under the *Wine Overseas Marketing Act 1929*, exempt any grapes from the charges imposed by this Act.

(2.) Any exemption under this section may be unconditional or subject to such conditions, and shall apply in respect of such period (if any), as are specified in the order of exemption.

(3.) The Governor-General may, by order published in the *Gazette*, cancel any exemption made under this section of any grapes from the charges imposed by this Act, and thereupon those charges shall, from the date fixed by the order, become payable in respect of those grapes.

Regulations.

5. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which are by this Act 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—

- (a) after report to the Minister by the Wine Overseas Marketing Board constituted under the *Wine Overseas Marketing Act 1929*, for prescribing lower rates of the charge imposed on grapes intended for use in the manufacture of wine ; and
- (b) for prescribing penalties not exceeding Fifty pounds for any breach of the Regulations.

6. This Act shall continue in force until a date to be fixed by Proclamation as the date upon which the Act shall cease to be in force.

Duration of
Act.