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Subsidiary Legislation**

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation

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This Act was extended to the Exclusive Economic Zone by the Exclusive Economic Zone (Extension of Enactments) Order, 8/1992).

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An Act to provide for the Licensing of Persons to keep Stills.

[1ST JANUARY, 1912]

Short title.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Stills Act.

Interpretation.
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c.79:04

(2) In this Act—

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner – General appointed under the Revenue Authority Act and includes —

- (a) any officer of the Revenue Authority acting in the performance of his duties;

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- (b) any mines officer within the meaning of the Mining Act, authorised in writing by the Commissioner to perform any of the functions conferred on the Commissioner by this Act; and
- (c) any district commissioner authorised in writing by the Commissioner to perform any of the functions conferred on the Commissioner by this Act;

“keep” means keep, use, or have in possession;

“still” shall be held to be any apparatus in capacity greater than one imperial quart, or any part of that apparatus, with any vessels, instruments, pipes, cocks, and fittings, capable in the opinion of the Commissioner of being used for the purpose of the distillation of spirits.

Licence to keep a still.
[10 of 1936, 66 of 1952]

2. (1) Except as hereinafter provided, no one shall keep a still for any purpose whatsoever without first having obtained a licence for that purpose as hereinafter provided.

(2) Before the licence is granted, application shall be made to the Commissioner in writing signed by the applicant giving a description of the still, its size and capacity, and the premises upon which and the purpose for which it is to be kept.

Grant of licence.

(3) The licence may be granted by the Commissioner, who shall have power to refuse it, but in case it is refused the person applying for it may, within fourteen days after the refusal is communicated to him, appeal to the Minister, who shall have power to grant the licence if he thinks fit to do so.

- Form of licence. (4) Every licence shall state the name of the person to whom it is granted and the premises upon which, and the purpose for which, he is permitted to keep a still.
- Register of licences.
[10 of 1936
66 of 1952] 3. (1) The Commissioner shall keep a register of all licences issued under this Act, which shall be evidence in all courts that the persons specified therein have been duly licensed to keep a still, and the absence of the name of a person from the register, or a certificate of that absence purporting to be under the hand of the Commissioner, shall be *prima facie* evidence that that person is not licensed to keep a still.
- Cancellation. (2) The Commissioner, at any time, with the approval of the Minister, may cancel a licence granted under this Act.
- Notice boards.
[10 of 1936
66 of 1952] 4. (1) All premises upon which a person is licensed to keep a still shall have affixed outside in a conspicuous place near the main entrance a notice-board bearing the name of the licensee and the words "Licensed under the Stills Act."
- Inspection. (2) The Commissioner, or anyone authorised by him in writing, may at any time enter the premises upon which any person so registered keeps a still for the purpose of inspecting it.
- Offences.
[18 of 1992] 5. Everyone who keeps a still without being duly licensed under this Act, or who, being so licensed, keeps a still at any premises other than those named in the licence, or who uses a still for any other purpose than that specified in his licence, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifteen thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months.
- Act not to apply to distiller of spirits. 6. This Act shall not apply to licences for distilling spirits or to stills kept or used for the purpose of distilling spirits:

Provided that it shall not be a good defence to any

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charge for an offence against this Act for the defendant to prove that he kept a still for the purposes of distilling spirits, unless he is a duly licensed distiller under the Spirits Act.
