

No. 574.

Hong Kong.

ORDINANCE No. 36 of 1931. (LIQUORS).

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34 and 88 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, the Governor in Council hereby amends the Brewery Regulations set forth in Government Notification No. 509, published in the Gazette of the 5th August, 1932, as follows:—

Amendments.

(1) Regulation 33 is rescinded and the following regulation is substituted therefor:—

33. The duty chargeable shall be paid

- (a) In respect of any such deficiency as mentioned in paragraph 1 of the preceding regulation or in the case of any deficiency found on taking stock of the contents of any separate warehouse, set apart for the storage of beer intended to be consumed in the Colony, within seven days after notice shall have been given by the Superintendent to the licensee as to the amount of duty payable, and
- (b) In respect of beer removed to such a warehouse set apart for the storage of beer intended to be consumed in the Colony, before the removal of any of such beer from that warehouse; or, at the option of the licensee, which option once declared shall be irrevocable, in respect of all worts collected in the fermenting vessels: Provided always that the Superintendent may, on such terms and on the giving of such security for the payment of duty as he may think fit, permit the payment of duty to be deferred until such time as in his opinion the beer produced from such worts shall be fit to be placed on sale: Provided also that the Superintendent may, on such terms and on the giving of such security for the payment of duty as he may think fit, permit the licensee to remove any beer from any such warehouse before payment of duty thereon and postpone until such time as he may think fit the time for the payment of the duty on such beer.

(2) The following heading and regulation are added:—

DRAWBACK ON LOCALLY BREWED BEER.

34. On every gallon of locally brewed beer made or prepared by any manufacturer approved by the Superintendent, there shall be paid after export a drawback in proportion to the amount of duty paid on the original

worts as found on analysis by the Monopoly Analyst subject to the following conditions:—

(1) No drawback shall be allowed except to a manufacturer approved by the Superintendent.

(2) No drawback shall be allowed on quantities less than six gallons.

(3) Every package containing such beer shall be plainly labelled "exported on drawback".

(4) No drawback shall be allowed unless the manufacturer:—

(a) gives 24 hours notice in writing of the date and time at which he proposes to commence packing; and all such packing shall take place in the presence of a Revenue Officer, to whom the manufacturer shall deliver an Export on Drawback permit, in triplicate, containing full particulars of the shipment, and the gross weight of each package or case.

(b) provides proper scales weights and measures to enable the Revenue Officer to check the weight of packages samples, etc.

(c) closes and secures all packages with tape or wire, and seals the same to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. The packages when so sealed, closed and secured as aforesaid shall have complete shipping marks on them for the purpose of future identification, including a serial mark, they shall also have permanently marked on them by stencil or otherwise, on at least three sides, the words EXPORTED ON DRAWBACK in letters not less than three inches high.

(5) The aforementioned export permit after being checked and signed by the Revenue Officer shall be returned to the manufacturer, who shall be responsible for its return to the Superintendent, duly signed by a responsible officer of the exporting ship certifying that the beer has been received on board.

(6) —(a) No drawback shall be payable on any such beer which shall not have been manufactured on the licensed premises from worts on which the full duty shall have been paid.

(b) No drawback shall be payable unless the claim is made within three working days of the date mentioned in the export permit as the day of shipment or when the ship left the port.

(c) No drawback shall be payable on any such beer if the original gravity as determined by the Monopoly Analyst is less than the original gravity of the worts from which it was manufactured.

(d) No drawback shall be paid on any beer which is composed of a blend of two or more kinds of beer of different original gravities.

(7) No drawback shall be allowed, unless with the special permission of the Superintendent, on any such beer except in accordance with a certificate of the Monopoly Analyst, which certificate shall be final and conclusive evidence of the facts stated therein to have been obtained from the examination of such beer or samples thereof. The inspecting Revenue Officer shall be entitled to draw such samples free of charge for submission to the Analyst.

A. W. G. H. GRANTHAM,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
18th August, 1933.

No. 575.

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ORDINANCE No. 7 of 1932. (OPIUM).

In exercise of the power conferred by section 3 (1) of the Opium Ordinance, 1932, the Governor in Council hereby determines \$80 as the price at which each quantity of three Taels of the prepared opium known as Kamshan opium may be sold to the public.

A. W. G. H. GRANTHAM,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th August, 1933.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 576.—His Excellency the Governor has, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, been pleased to recognise Mr. MERRIT N. COOTES, provisionally and pending the issue of His Majesty's Exequatur, as Vice-Consul for the United States of America in Hong Kong.

19th August, 1933.

No. 577.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. WILLIAM JAMES LOCKHART-SMITH to act as Deputy Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, in addition to his other duties, with effect from 25th August, 1933, until further notice.

25th August, 1933.