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An Act for the further Prevention of Frauds in the Manufacture of Sweets. [11th *July* 1815.]

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the Laws in force for the Prevention thereof, Makers of Sweets for Sale when they have Occasion to send or deliver Sweets to their Customers, do from Time to Time draw and take the same from their Steeps of Sweets containing greater Quantities than the Quantities so sent or delivered, and having so done, do immediately make Quantities of new Sweets equal and answerable to such Quantities so sent or delivered, and do then put in or mix such new Sweets to and with the remaining Part and Parts of such their Sweets in the Steep, all which being frequently done and performed without the least Privity or Knowledge of the Officers of Excise, who should make Charges of the Duties for and in respect of such new Sweets so made as aforesaid, they the said Officers of Excise for the Want of Discovery and due Notice thereof, neither do or can make such Charges, whereby His Majesty is very much defrauded of and in His Duties upon Sweets: For the Prevention whereof, be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, all and every Maker and Makers of Sweets or Made Wines for Sale shall before he, she, or they shall begin to draw off any Sweets or Made Wine from any

Makers to give Notice to the Officer of Excise before any Sweets are

drawn off, and to ſtate the Quantity.

Steep, or from any Veſſel or Utenſil in which the ſame ſhall have been made or manufactured, give to the Officer of Exciſe, under whoſe Survey ſuch Maker or Makers ſhall then be, Six Hours Notice in Writing within the Limits of the Chief Office of Exciſe in *London*, and Twelve Hours Notice in Writing in other Places in *Great Britain*, of his, her, or their Intention ſo to draw off any Sweets or Made Wine; and of the Time when and the particular Steep, Veſſel or Utenſil from or out of which ſuch Sweets or Made Wine ſhall be intended to be drawn off, and the Quantity thereof; and ſuch Officer ſhall, if he ſhall deem it expedient ſo to do, attend to ſee ſuch Sweets or Made Wine ſo drawn off; and if ſuch Officer ſhall attend for that Purpoſe, all ſuch Sweets or Made Wine ſhall at the Time ſpecified in ſuch Notice be, with all due Diligence and Diſpatch, drawn off in the Preſence of ſuch Officer; and if any ſuch Maker or Makers ſhall draw off any Sweets or Made Wine without giving ſuch Notice as is in that Behalf herein-before directed to be given, or ſhall neglect or refuſe to draw off with all due Diligence and Diſpatch, ſuch Sweets or Made Wine on ſuch Officer's Attendance, ſuch Maker or Makers ſo offending ſhall, for each and every ſuch Offence, forfeit and loſe the Sum of Fifty Pounds, together with all ſuch Sweets or Made Wine drawn off without ſuch Notice having been given as aforeſaid.

Penalty for Neglect.

Makers not ſubject to Penalty for not ſpecifying Quantity in Notice if the Whole of the Quantity contained in the Veſſel be drawn off.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein-before contained ſhall extend or be deemed or conſtrued to extend to ſubject any Maker or Makers of Sweets or Made Wines for Sale to the ſaid laſt mentioned Penalty or Forfeiture, for or by reaſon of his, her, or their not ſpecifying in his, her, or their Notice of his, her, or their Intention to draw off any Sweets or Made Wines the Quantity thereof, in caſe the Whole of the Sweets or Made Wines at that Time contained in the Steep, Veſſel or Utenſil mentioned in ſuch Notice ſhall, under or by virtue of ſuch Notice, be intended to be drawn off; and ſuch Maker or Makers ſhall have ſpecified in ſuch Notice that the Whole of ſuch Sweets or Made Wines are ſo intended to be drawn off; and if the Whole thereof ſhall be actually drawn off with all due Diligence and Diſpatch, and the preſſing out of the Remains of ſuch Sweets or Made Wines from the Fruit finiſhed within the Space of Seventy-two Hours at the fartheſt from the Time of the Commencement of ſuch drawing off; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Makers not to ſend out Sweets in leſs Quantity than Caſks of 15 Gallons.

Penalty 50l.

III. And be it further enacted, That no Maker or Makers of any Kind of Sweets or Made Wines, other than Mead, for Sale, ſhall ſell or ſend out any Liquor made by Infuſion, Fermentation, or otherwiſe, from Fruit or Sugar, or from Fruit or Sugar mixed with any other Ingredients or Materials whatſoever, commonly called *Sweets*, or called or diſtinguiſhed by the Name of *Made Wines*, in any leſs Quantity than in a whole Caſk containing Fifteen Gallons, on Pain of forfeiting for each and every ſuch Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Perſons having in Poſſeſſion Sweets exceeding 100

IV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, all and every Perſon and Perſons whatſoever who ſhall have in his, her, or their Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion any Liquor made by Infuſion, Fermentation, or otherwiſe, from

Fruit or Sugar, or from Fruit or Sugar mixed with any other Ingredients or Materials whatſoever, commonly called *Sweets*, or called or diſtinguiſhed by the Name of *Made Wines*, exceeding the Quantity of One hundred Gallons, ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Maker of Sweets or Made Wines, other than Mead, for Sale, and ſhall be ſubject to the Survey of His Majeſty's Officers of Exciſe. Gallons deemed Makers.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act ſhall be ſued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated by ſuch Ways, Means, or Methods as any Pain, Penalty, or Forfeiture may be ſued for, levied, or mitigated by any Law or Laws of Exciſe, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* reſpectively; and that One Moiety of every ſuch Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture ſhall be to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to him or them who will inform, diſcover, or ſue for the ſame. Penalties how to be levied and applied.

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