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Sierra Leone

The Corrosive Substances Act, 1969

Short title.

[9th October, 1969.] Date of commencement.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. In this Act—

Interpretation.

“Corrosive acid” means any of the following acids—

Hydrochloric acid

Nitric acid

Sulphuric acid:

"Corrosive Substance" means any of the following substances—

Ammonia
 Formaldehyde
 Hydrochloric acid
 Nitric acid
 Phenols
 Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)
 Sulphuric acid.

Control of
 Sale of
 Corrosive
 Acids.
 Cap. 151.

2. Save as is herein provided, no corrosive acid shall be sold by any person other than a Druggist licensed under the Medical Practitioners, Dentists and Druggists Act, or a licensed importer of corrosive substances.

Records.

3. Every licensed importer of corrosive substances who sells or supplies corrosive acids shall comply with the following provisions—

- (a) he shall enter or cause to be entered in the appropriate one of three registers to be kept for the sole purpose, all supplies of corrosive acids purchased or otherwise obtained by him and all dealings in corrosive acids, effected by him in the form and containing the particulars shown in the First Schedule to this Act;
- (b) separate register or separate parts of the register shall be used for each description of acid, and the description shall include the name and the percentage strength of the acid;
- (c) he shall make the entry with respect to any corrosive acid purchased or otherwise obtained by him, on the day which it is received by him, and with respect to any sale or supply by him of any corrosive acid on the day the acid was despatched or delivered;
- (d) he shall not obliterate or alter any entry in the register or make any entry which is untrue in any particular.

Purchaser
 to be
 licensed.

4. (1) No person shall purchase or otherwise obtain any corrosive acid unless under a licence granted for that purpose by the Commissioner of Police.

(2) Every licence granted under subsection (1) shall be in the form shown in the Second Schedule to this Act or as near thereto as circumstances may require.

Delivery of
 acid to
 messenger.

5. No person shall sell, supply or deliver any corrosive acid to any person not licensed to purchase or obtain corrosive acid who purports to be sent by or on behalf of a licensee unless—

- (a) such person produces a written authority signed by the licensee to receive the corrosive acid on the licensee's behalf; and
- (b) the person supplying the corrosive acid is satisfied that such written authority is genuine.

6. The Commissioner of Police, a police officer of or above the rank of Sub-Inspector, or any person who holds an authority in writing signed by the said Commissioner of Police or any Magistrate, may between the hours of 8.00 o'clock in the forenoon, and 4.00 o'clock in the afternoon of any day except Sunday and any Public Holiday, in the presence of the licensed importer or his representative inspect the register or registers, and any licensed importer or other person failing to produce such a register for inspection shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty leones. Inspection of records.
7. Except where otherwise provided, any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months. Penalty.
8. In any case where a person licensed to import corrosive substances is convicted of an offence against this Act or the Customs Act as it affects this Act, the court may recommend to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry that the licence be revoked and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry shall act on such recommendation. Withdrawal of authorisation to import etc. in case of conviction
9. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Medical Practitioners, Dentists and Druggists Act, any person who complies with the provisions of this Act shall not be guilty of any offence under the Medical Practitioners, Dentist and Druggists Act in so far as such offences relate to corrosive acids. Provisions additional to Medical Practitioners, Dentists and Druggists Act Cap. 151.
10. The Corrosive Substances Decree, 1967 is hereby repealed. Repeal of N.R. C. Decree No. 68 of 1967.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Record of

(Description of substance. This will include the name of the substance, the percentage concentration.)

Purchased or otherwise obtained.

Date on which supply received	Name of Supplier	Address of Supplier	Quantity

CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES

REGISTER OF MANUFACTURE

Date	Quantity and percentage concentration of the acid withdrawn from stock	Quantity and percentage concentration of acid produced	Signature

RECORD OF CORROSIVE ACIDS SUPPLIED OR SOLD

Date on which transaction was effected	Name of person to whom sold	Address of person to whom sold	Description of Acid sold	Authority of person to whom sold	Quantity sold etc.	Signature of supplier

SECOND SCHEDULE

Licence is hereby granted to.....
of.....to purchase/obtain.....
of.....subject to the provisions of the Corrosive Substances Act, 1969, and any Rules for the time being in force thereunder, and to the following conditions:—

This Licence will expire on the.....of.....19

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Commissioner of Police.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 24th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the House of Representatives and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.