

No. 32.

THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR (MANUFACTURE) LICENSING LAW, 1950.

METHYLATED OR DENATURED SPIRITS.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 2 of the Intoxicating Liquor (Manufacture) Licensing Law, 1950, I hereby prescribe denaturing methanol, camphor, mineral naphtha, methylene blue (or methyl violet) and diethyl phthalate to be substances with which spirits containing not less than 140 per centum of proof spirit shall be mixed so as to render such spirits unfit for use as a beverage, and bring them under the description of methylated or denatured spirits mixed in the following proportions, that is to say :—

(a) In the case of spirits, known as mineralized methylated spirits, the proportions in which the spirits and substances shall be mixed shall be as follows :—

spirits	100 parts by weight.
denaturing methanol ..	5 parts by weight.
mineral naphtha	One half part by weight.
methylene blue (or methyl violet).	One two-thousand-five-hundredth part by weight :

Provided that if denaturing methanol is not available, camphor ($C_{10}H_{16}O$) may be used, in the proportion of one thousandth part by weight where the proportions of spirits and other substances (except denaturing methanol) to be mixed therewith are as prescribed in this paragraph.

(b) In the case of spirits, known as industrial methylated spirits, the proportions in which the spirits and substances shall be mixed shall be as follows :—

spirits	100 parts by weight.
diethyl phthalate ($C_{12}H_{14}O_4$)	$2\frac{1}{2}$ parts by weight.

2. No denaturing methanol, camphor, or diethyl phthalate shall be used for the purpose of making methylated or denatured spirits of any kind until they have been examined and approved.

3. The manner in which the spirits and the prescribed substances shall be mixed for the aforesaid purpose shall be as follows :—

The spirits shall be placed in a vessel of sufficient size as will allow of the addition of all the substances thereto, and of the thorough stirring of the whole without overflowing. The spirits and substances aforesaid shall then be stirred for a minimum period of 2 minutes to ensure thorough mixing.

4. In this notice—

“denaturing methanol” means methanol (CH_3OH) to which has been added 0.25% by volume thereof respectively of hardwood oil and pyridine ;

“mineral naphtha” means that substance known as paraffin or kerosene oil, being of a specific gravity of not less than 800.

Famagusta,
9th January, 1951.

W. G. SMITHERS,
Comptroller of Customs and Excise.
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