

THE BALOCHISTAN TOBACCO VEND ACT, 1958

(W.P. Act XXXVIII of 1958)

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(W.P. Act XXXVIII of 1958)

[5 May, 1958]

An Act to consolidate the law relating to the regulation of retail sale of manufactured tobacco in urban areas in the interest of public health on a uniform basis in the Province of ?[Balochistan].

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate the law relating to the regulation of the retail sale of manufactured tobacco in urban areas in the interest of public health on a uniform basis in the Province of *[Balochistan];

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title, extent 1. () This Act may be called the *[Balochistan] and Tobacco Vend Act, 1958.

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t. 4[(2) It extends to the whole of the Province of

?[Balochistan) except the Tribal Areas.]

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force from the first of April, 1958.

Definitions. 2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

(a) "Collector" means any officer appointed by Government to discharge throughout any specified local area the functions of a Collector under this Act;

(b) "Commissioner" means the Head of the Excise and Taxation Department in ?[Balochistan] and includes any other officer appointed by Government to exercise the functions and perform the duties of Commissioner under this

For statement of objects and reasons, see W.P. Gazette (Extraordinary) 1958, p. 433. This Act was passed by the W.P. Asser

April, 1958; assented to by the Governor of W.P. on 30th April, 1958; and, published in the W.P. Gazette (Extraordinary), date 1958. pages 791-95.

Subs. by Baln, A.O. 1975, for "West Pakistan".

Spelling of the word "Baluchistan", wherever it appears in this Act, is corrected by insertion of letter "o" instead of "u", as per

Government of Balochistan, S&GAD's Notification No. SORI (4) 6/ S&GAD-89, dated 18" June, 1989.

4 Subs. by W.P. Act XV of 1964.

section,

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Every Deputy Director and Assistant Director of Excise and Taxation has been authorised to discharge the duties of a Collector

see Gazette of West Pakistan, 1959, Pt. I, p. 59.

Prohibition against
dealing in
manufactured
tobacco
without
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licence.

Act;

(c) "dealer's licence" means a licence authorising a person to whom it is granted to sell or keep for sale by retail manufactured tobacco;

(d) "Government" means the Government of (Balochistan);

(e) "manufactured tobacco" means tobacco in any shape or form intended for the purpose of smoking, chewing or for use as snuff, or any preparation or admixture of tobacco intended for the said purpose or use, and includes bidis, cigarettes or cigars;

(f) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(g) "tobacco" includes the leaves, stalks and stem of the tobacco plant (*nicotiana rustica* and *Nicotiana tobacum*); and

(h) "urban area" means any area within the limits of a municipality, ?[town committee], cantonment or railway station.

3. No person who does not grow tobacco himself or with the aid of the members of his family or by tenants or hired labour shall keep for retail sale or sell by retail manufactured tobacco in any urban area without a dealer's licence.

4. (1) | The Collector *[or any person authorised by him in this behalf] may issue a dealer's licence.

(2) Every such licence shall be granted—

(a) on payment of such fees and for such period as may _ be prescribed* by Government; and

(b) subject to such conditions and in

such form and containing such particulars as may be

1 Subs. by Baln, A.O. of 1975, for "West Pakistan".

2 Subs. by W.P. Ord. XXXV of 1965, for "notified area".

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Ins. by W.P. Ord, IX of 1959.

See rule 1 of the W.P. Tobacco Vend Rules, 1958, framed under s. 12 (2).

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of section 3, keeps for sale or sells by retail manufactured

Whoever, in contravention of the provisions

tobacco, or being the holder of a dealer's licence commits
a breach of any of the conditions subject to which the

licence has been granted shall be punishable with fine
which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(2) | When any person is convicted under sub-
section (1) of a breach of any of the conditions of his
licence, the Collector may suspend or cancel his licence.

6. When any person who does not hold a dealer's
licence is convicted of an offence under sub-section (1) of

section 5, the magistrate may direct that such person shall pay, in addition to the fine imposed on him, the fees payable for a dealer's licence.

7. The Collector or any magistrate authorized by him may accept from any person against whom a reasonable suspicion exists that he has committed an offence under this Act, a sum of money not exceeding one hundred rupees by way of composition for such offence or alleged offence.

8. Every officer of the Excise and Taxation Department not below such rank as Government may prescribe¹ shall have the powers of a police officer in charge of a police station and may investigate offences under this Act without the order of a magistrate and exercise the same powers in respect of the investigation (except the power to arrest without warrant) as an officer in charge of a police station may exercise in a cognizable case.

9. Any officer of the Excise and Taxation Department who without reasonable ground or suspicion enters or searches or causes to be searched any building or vexatiously and unnecessarily detains, searches or arrests any person, shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to five hundred

1 See W.P. Tobacco Vend (Forms and Conditions of Licence) Rules, 1958, framed under s. 12 (3).

Cognizance of
offences.

Powers to enter and
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rules.

rupees or with both.

10. No magistrate shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under this Act except on the complaint of the Collector or an officer authorised by him in this behalf, within six months of the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed.

11. Any officer of the Excise and Taxation

Department not below such rank as Government may prescribe! may—

(a) enter and inspect at any time within the hours during which sale is permitted or at any other time during which the same may be open, any place in which manufactured tobacco is kept for sale by any person holding a licence —_ under this Act: and

(b) | examine accounts maintained in such place.

12. (1) Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) | In particular, and without prejudice to the

generality of the foregoing powers, Government may make rules? for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) prescribing the fees on payment of which and the period for which a

licence under this Act may be granted;

(b) prescribing the rank of officers of the Excise and Taxation Department for

the purposes of sections 8 and 11;

regulating the procedure to be followed by officers in the exercise of their powers and performance of their

duties under this Act and prescribing the restrictions subject to which such powers shall be exercised.

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The Commissioner may make rules? for all

1 See rule 5 of the W.P. Tobacco Vend Rules, 1958, framed under s. 12 (2).

2 For rules under this sub-section i.e. W.P. Tobacco Vend Rules, 1958, see West Pakistan Gazette, dated 2TM January, 1959,

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3 For rules under this sub-section i.e. W.P. Tobacco Vend (Forms and Conditions of Licences) Rules, 1958, see West Pakistan Gazette, dated 2TM January, 1959, Pt. III, pp. 9 to 13.

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Repeals and
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or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) prescribing the conditions subject to
which a licence under this Act may be
granted;

(b) prescribing the particulars to be
contained in, and the form of, such
licence;

(c) prescribing the mariner in which
payment shall be made for such
licence fees and the manner in which
such licences shall be issued.

(4) — The rules made under this section shall be
published in the official Gazette.

(5) | The rules made under this section shall be
laid upon the table of the West Pakistan! Provincial
Assembly, at the session of the said Assembly next
following and shall be liable to be modified or rescinded
by a resolution of the said Assembly.

13. (1) The following enactments are hereby
repealed:—

(a) The 7Bombay (District) Tobacco Act,
1933, in its application to the former
Province of Sind;
3[(aa) The *7Bombay (District) Tobacco Act,
1933, in its application to the District
of Karachi);

(b) The *Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Act,
1934;

(c) The *North-West Frontier Province

Tobacco Vend Fees Act, 1938;

(d) The *Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Act, 1934, as applicable to the former State of Bahawalpur; and

(e) The Balochistan Tobacco Vend Fees

© i.e. Balochistan Reg. II of 1942.

7 See the Punjab Tax Manual, Vol. I.

8 ie. Punjab Act V of 1934.

Regulation, 1942.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the enactments mentioned in sub-section (1) everything done, action taken, obligation, liability, penalty or punishment incurred, inquiry or proceeding commenced, officer appointed or person authorised, jurisdiction or power conferred, order or notification issued under any of the provisions of the said enactments, shall if not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue in force, and be deemed to have been respectively done, taken, incurred, commenced, appointed, authorised, conferred or issued under this Act.

(3) Until rules are made under this Act the 'rules' made under the *Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Act, 1934, in so far as they are consistent with the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed to be rules made under this Act.