# **Export (Fish) Regulation 1953**

# **Unvalidated References:**

Customs Act 1951
Trade Marks Act 1905
Trade Marks Act 1978
Public Holidays Act 1953

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## INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Chapter 101F.

Export (Fish) Regulation 1953

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Export (Fish) Regulation 1953
MADE under the <u>Customs Act</u> <u>1951</u> and the Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1952.
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PART I. – PRELIMINARY.
1. INTERPRETATION.
In this Regulation, unless the contrary intention appears—
"analyst" means a person appointed to be an analyst-
(a) under Section 28; or
(b) for the purposes of the <u>Customs Act 1951</u> ;
"appointed place" means premises registered under Section 9 as an appointed place;
"approved" means approved by the Director;
"approved for export stamp" means a stamp in an approved form;
"containers" means all the principal coverings in which fish is contained;
"cooked fish" means fish that has been subjected to an approved heat treatment;

"export establishment" means premises registered under Section 9 as an export establishment;

"frozen fish" means raw, cooked or processed fish that has been refrigerated;

"fish" means fish (including crustacea, oysters, other shell fish and all forms of marine animal life other than whales), other than beche-de-mer, whether fresh, frozen, canned, dried, cooked or processed in any way, or parts of any such fish, intended for export;

"grader" means a person appointed under Section 5 to be a grader;

"Managing Director" means the Managing Director of the National Fisheries Authority;

"officer" means an officer of Customs;

"registered brand" means a brand registered under Part V;

"tuna" means-

- (a) albacore (Germo alalunga); and
- (b) southern bluefin tuna (Thunnus maccoyii); and
- (c) northern bluefin tuna (Thunnus thynnus); and
- (d) yellowfin tuna (Neothunnus macropterus); and
- (e) skipjack or striped tuna (Katsuwonus pelamis).

#### **2.** APPLICATION.

This Regulation does not apply to ships' stores brought to or shipped in Papua New Guinea.

#### **3.** DELEGATION.

The Managing Director may, by writing under his hand, delegate to an officer of the National Fisheries Authority all or any of his powers or functions under this Regulation (except this power of delegation).

#### **PART II.** – GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO EXPORTATION OF FISH.

#### 4. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT.

- (1) The exportation of fish is prohibited unless–
- (a) the Managing Director is satisfied that the fish has been prepared or processed in an export establishment; and
- (b) the conditions and restrictions (if any) specified in the second column of Schedule 2 in relation to the name or description of the fish have been complied with; and
- (c) the exporter has obtained an export permit in accordance with this Regulation in respect of the fish; and
- (d) the approved for export stamp has been applied to the fish or the container of the fish; and
- (e) the provisions of this Regulation have been complied with.
- (2) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to fish in respect of which the Managing Director certifies that, for the purposes of experiment, or on account of exceptional circumstances, it is desirable that that paragraph should not apply.

#### **5.** GRADERS.

- (1) The Managing Director may appoint a person to be a grader for an export establishment.
- (2) A grader must ensure that fish is graded, prepared or processed and packed in the export establishment in accordance with this Regulation.

Penalty: [11] A fine not exceeding K200.00.

#### **PART III.** – TRADE DESCRIPTIONS.

## **6.** REQUIREMENT OF TRADE DESCRIPTION.

- (1) Subject to this Regulation, the exportation of fish is prohibited unless there is applied to the fish a trade description in accordance with this Regulation.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies to fish that are imported into the country and are not held in bond, unless the Managing Director is satisfied that the fish are not the produce of Papua New Guinea.

#### 7. NATURE OF TRADE DESCRIPTION.

- (1) The trade description to be applied to fish shall be in accordance with this section and with the provisions (if any) specified in the third column of Schedule 2 opposite to the name or description of the fish.
- (2) The trade description—
- (a) shall be in the form of a principal label or brand affixed to the fish, or to the containers of the fish, in a prominent position and in a conspicuous and reasonably permanent manner; and
- (b) shall contain, in prominent and legible characters, a true description of the fish, together with the words "Papua New Guinea"; and
- (c) may include, in addition, the name of the part of the country in which the fish was produced, prepared or processed; and
- (d) shall, subject to Subsections (3) and (4), include one, and may include both, of the following particulars:—

- (i) the name of the producer, processer or exporter;
- (ii) the registered brand of the producer, processer or exporter; and
- (e) shall, subject to Subsection (5), specify the net weight of the fish.
- (3) The Managing Director may, subject to such conditions as he thinks proper, permit the consignee's brand to be included in the trade description instead of the registered brand of the producer, processer or exporter.
- (4) Where the producer or processer is not the exporter, the trade description shall include the name of the producer or the processer, or the registered brand of the producer or processer, unless the exporter sets out in the notice of intention to export the name and address of the producer or the processer.
- (5) In the case of frozen fish, the actual weight in a container shall be in excess of the marked net weight by not less than 2.5% of the marked net weight.
- (6) Except in the case of frozen fish, each immediate container of fish shall have embossed on it the letters "Ex".
- (7) The trade description to be applied to fish in pursuance of this Regulation shall have relation to the condition of the fish as at the time of shipment.

#### **8.** INTERFERENCE WITH TRADE DESCRIPTIONS.

A person who, except by the authority of an officer, removes, alters or interferes with a trade description marked on or applied to fish that have been inspected by an officer is guilty of an offence.

#### **PART IV. – SUPERVISION, INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION.**

- 9. REGISTRATION OF EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS AND APPOINTED PLACES.
- (1) A person who is the owner or occupier of premises used for the preparation, processing or storage, or for the examination, of fish may apply to the Managing Director in Form 1, for the registration of the premises as an export establishment or as an appointed place, as the case may be.
- (2) Where the Managing Director is satisfied that the premises the subject of an application under Subsection (1) are constructed, equipped and operated in an efficient and hygienic manner, and are in conformity with this Regulation, he—
- (a) may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as he thinks proper, register them as an export establishment or as an appointed place, as the case may be; and
- (b) shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration in accordance with Form 2.
- (3) The certificate of registration shall specify—
- (a) all operations that may be conducted in the premises to which it refers; and
- (b) the conditions and restrictions under which the registration is granted.
- (4) Unless sooner cancelled, a certificate of registration expires on 30 June next following the date on which it was issued, but may, on written application in Form 1, be renewed from time to time.
- (5) Where the Managing Director is satisfied that—
- (a) a breach of the conditions or restrictions, subject to which an export establishment or appointed place has been registered, has been committed; or

(b) an offence against this Regulation has been committed in or in connection with an export establishment or appointed place,

he may cancel the registration of the establishment or place.

#### 10. SALE OR LEASE OF EXPORT ESTABLISHMENT OR APPOINTED PLACE.

If an export establishment or appointed place is leased or sold, the lessee or transferee shall not, without the approval of the Managing Director, use the premises for any of the operations specified in the certificate of registration.

## 11. FREEZING CHAMBERS, ETC., IN EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS.

An export establishment in which frozen fish is prepared, processed or stored shall—

- (a) contain a chamber-
- (i) where cooked fish is being prepared in the establishment–capable of reducing the temperature of the fish to -12°C; or
- (ii) where fish, other than cooked fish, is being prepared in the establishment–capable of reducing the temperature of the fish to -7° C within 10 hours after the fish has been placed in the chamber; and
- (b) contain-
- (i) where cooked fish is being stored in the establishment—at least one chamber capable of maintaining the fish at a reasonably constant temperature not exceeding -12° C; or (ii) where fish, other than cooked fish, is being stored in the establishment—at least one chamber (separate from the chamber referred to in Subparagraph (i)) capable of maintaining the fish at a reasonably constant temperature not exceeding -15°C; and

- (c) have approved instruments for measuring temperatures in each chamber; and
- (d) maintain a log of temperatures of each chamber recorded at intervals of not more than eight hours; and
- (e) have the floors and walls of the packing rooms solidly constructed to a height of not less than 1.8 m of brick, masonry, concrete or other approved material rendered impervious and washable, all corners being well rounded out; and
- (f) have a satisfactory supply of suitable running water under pressure; and
- (g) be equipped only with approved tables, benches, troughs, trays and other equipment that is or are capable of being sterilized.

## 12. STORAGE CHAMBERS, ETC., IN APPOINTED PLACES.

An appointed place in which frozen fish are examined shall—

- (a) contain at least one chamber–
- (i) where cooked fish is examined in the place—capable of maintaining the fish at a reasonably constant temperature not exceeding -12°C; or
- (ii) where fish, other than cooked fish, is examined in the place—capable of maintaining the fish at a reasonably constant temperature not exceeding -15°C; and
- (b) have approved instruments for measuring temperatures in each chamber; and
- (c) maintain a log of temperatures of each chamber recorded at intervals of not more than eight hours; and
- (d) be situated at or adjacent to a port from which shipment from the country commences; and
- (e) provide suitable private facilities for examination by officers.

#### 13. PLACE OF EXAMINATION.

- (1) Subject to this Regulation, fish shall be sent to an appointed place in sufficient time before shipment to enable an officer to examine it.
- (2) The Managing Director may, in exceptional cases, permit the examination of fish to be made at a place other than an appointed place.

#### **14.** NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MOVE FROZEN FISH.

A person who intends to move frozen fish from an export establishment to another export establishment or to an appointed place shall, at least two clear working days before the day on which he intends to move the fish, lodge with an officer a notice, in duplicate, in Form 3.

#### 15. TRANSFER OF FROZEN FISH FROM EXPORT ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.

Whenever frozen fish is moved from an export establishment to another export establishment or to an appointed place, or from an appointed place to a vessel for shipment from the country—

- (a) transportation facilities shall be such that the temperature of the fish shall not rise—
- (i) in the case of cooked fish-above -5°C; and
- (ii) in the case of fish other than cooked fish–above -8°C; and
- (b) the fish shall be accompanied by a certificate, signed by the grader at the export establishment where the goods were packed, that the fish has been prepared or processed and packed in accordance with this Regulation.

#### 16. SHIPPING OF FROZEN FISH.

Frozen fish shall not be shipped in a vessel unless-

- (a) the vessel is equipped to hold the fish at a temperature not exceeding -12°C; and
- (b) the refrigerated hold has been adequately pre-cooled before loading.

## 17. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO EXPORT, AND DECLARATION.

- [2](1) A person who intends to export fish shall, at least three clear working days before the proposed date of shipment, furnish to the Managing Director a notice and declaration in Form 4.
- (2) A person who makes a false or misleading statement in a declaration furnished under Subsection (1) is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: [3] A fine not exceeding K500.00.

- (3) In any proceedings for an offence against Subsection (2), a certificate signed by the Managing Director, certifying that the declaration—
- (a) was furnished under Subsection (1); and
- (b) was made by the person by whom it purports to have been made, is prima facie evidence of the matters so certified.
- (4) Judicial notice shall be taken of the signature to a certificate under Subsection (3), and of the fact that the person whose signature it purports to bear holds, or held at the time when the certificate was made, the office of the Director.

#### **18.** APPROVED FOR EXPORT STAMP.

Where an officer or grader is satisfied that any fish has been prepared or processed and packed in accordance with this Regulation, he shall apply the approved for export stamp to it or to the container of it.

#### 19. EXPORT PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES AS TO EXAMINATION.

- (1) When an officer has examined any fish and-
- (a) the fish is marked in accordance with this Regulation; and
- (b) the officer is satisfied that the conditions and restrictions applicable under this Regulation in respect of the fish have been complied with,

he shall issue to the exporter an export permit in Form 5.

- (2) When the fish is brought to a wharf for shipment, the exporter shall deliver the export permit to the officer on duty at the ship by which the fish is to be exported.
- (3) When the officer is satisfied that the fish has been shipped in accordance with this Regulation, he shall issue to the exporter a certificate of the condition of the fish in Form 6.

#### **20.** RE-EXAMINATION.

- [4](1) If an officer has reasonable cause to think that, since the examination of any fish, the condition of the fish has changed, he may re-examine the fish, and if, having regard to the condition of the fish as disclosed by the re-examination, he is satisfied that—
- (a) the containers are not marked in accordance with this Regulation; or
- (b) a condition or restriction applicable under this Regulation has not been complied with,

he may cancel the export permit issued in respect of the fish.

(2) Where an export permit has been cancelled under Subsection (1), the exporter must, if so required by an officer, immediately surrender the permit to the officer.

Penalty: <sup>[5]</sup>A fine not exceeding K500.00.

## 21. LOADING OF FROZEN FISH.

Frozen fish shall be loaded into an overseas vessel under the supervision of an officer.

#### **PART V. – REGISTRATION OF BRANDS.**

#### **22.** REGISTER OF BRANDS.

- (1) Subject to Section 24, the Managing Director may register a brand as a brand that may be included in the trade description of fish.
- (2) The Managing Director shall keep a register of brands registered under Subsection (1).

## 23. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

An application for the registration of a brand shall be accompanied by seven copies of the brand.

#### **24.** REGISTRATION AS TRADE MARK.

A brand shall not be registered under Section 22 unless-

- (a) it is registered as a trade mark under the Trade Marks Act 1905 of Australia, as in force from time to time or under the Trade Marks Act 1978; and
- (b) the applicant is the registered proprietor of the trade mark.

#### 25. REGISTRATION NUMBERS.

The Managing Director shall allot a number in respect of each registered brand, and that number shall be applied to fish in conjunction with the brand.

#### **26.** ASSIGNMENTS AND TRANSMISSIONS OF TRADE MARKS.

Where a trade mark that is registered as a brand under this Regulation is assigned or transmitted, the assignee or transmittee shell give notice of the assignment or transmission to the Managing Director.

#### **27.** CANCELLATION OF BRAND.

Where a trade mark that is registered as a brand under this Regulation ceases to be registered as a trade mark, the Managing Director shall cancel the registration of the brand.

#### **PART VI.** – ANALYSES.

## 28. ANALYSTS.

The Head of State, acting on advice, may appoint qualified persons to be analysts for the purposes of this Regulation.

#### **29.** CERTIFICATE OF ANALYST.

A certificate given by an analyst of the result of an analysis is prima facie proof of the facts stated in it.

#### **30.** FEES FOR CERTIFICATES.

A copy of a certificate of analysis relating to fish may be supplied by the Managing Director to the exporter of fish—

- (a) where the analysis is made by an officer for the purposes of the Government–on payment of the sum of 25t; and
- (b) where the analysis is made at the request of the exporter who wishes to obtain the certificate—on payment of the sum of K1.05.

## **PART VII.** – MISCELLANEOUS.

#### **31.** FEES FOR OFFICERS' SERVICES.

- (1) Where, at the request of an exporter, the services of an officer are made available to the exporter for the purposes of this Regulation before or after official hours or on a Sunday or holiday, the exporter shall, except as provided by Subsection (3), be charged for those services a fee at the rate of K1.25 per hour or part of an hour.
- (2) The time in respect of which a fee shall be charged under Subsection (1) shall include the time reasonably occupied by an officer in proceeding to and returning from the place where his attendance is required.
- (3) Where an officer is required to proceed on duty away from his ordinary station, the rate of charge under this Regulation to be made in respect of his services is as fixed by the Director.
- (4) For the purposes of this Regulation, "holiday" means a day observed as a holiday under the Public Holidays Act 1953.

## SCHEDULE 1

PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

<u>Customs Act</u> <u>1951</u>.

**Form 1** – Application for Registration of Premises as an Export Establishment or as an Appointed Place.

Reg., Sec. 9(1). Form 1.

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<u>Customs Act</u> <u>1951</u>.

**Form 2** – Certificate of Registration of Premises as Export

Establishment/Appointed Place.

Reg., Sec. 9(2). Form 2.

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<u>Customs Act</u> <u>1951</u>.

Form 3 – Notice of Intention to Move Frozen Fish.

Reg., Sec. 14. Form 3.

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<u>Customs Act</u> **1951**.

# **Form 4** – Notice of Intention to Export Fish.

Reg., Sec. 17(1). Form 4.

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## <u>Customs Act</u> <u>1951</u>.

**Form 5** – Export Permit.

Reg., Sec. 19(1). Form 5.

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## <u>Customs Act</u> <u>1951</u>.

**Form 6** – Certificate as to Condition of Fish.

Reg., Sec. 19(3). Form 6.

SCHEDULE 2 – CONDITIONS FOR EXPORT OF FISH.

Reg., Sec. 4(1)(b).

Name or description of fish.	Conditions and restrictions to be complied with.	Provisions relating to trade descriptions.
1. Crayfish tails—frozen.	1. Crayfish tails—	1. The trade description on the
	(a) shall be clean and devoid of	containers shall include—
	foreign matter; and	(a) the letters "WT" or "PK",
	) shall not be soft-shelled or from a	according to whether the flesh is
	female in berry; and	white or pink; and
	shall have the intestine completely	the words "Rock Lobster" in bold
	removed; and	letters of equal size, and the
	d) shall be individually wrapped in	words "Produce of Papua New
	cellophane or other approved	Guinea"; and
	moisture-proof wrapping material	(c) the grade; and
	that completely covers all flesh	(d) the serial numbers of respective

exposed from the shell; and

s) shall be packed in containers that
contain a net weight of not more
than 14 kg of crayfish.

2. (1) Containers containing a net
weight of 9, 11.25 or 13.5 kg shall
be used, and a uniform sized box
shall be used by each packer.

(2) Containers shall be clean, new,
attractive in appearance and not
likely to have any deleterious
effect on the contents.

Each container shall be wirebound
or strapped with suitable wire or
strapping.

4) Each container shall not be more

4) Each container shall not be more than 125 mm across its narrowest internal dimension.

3. Only one variety of crayfish tails shall be packed in each container. Crayfish tails shall be so packed as to be uniform in size and colour in each container and shall be graded in sizes as follows:—

de. Net weight of each crayfish tail Midget Under 170g

- S) Not less than 170g and not more than 255g
- I) Not less than 255g and not more than 340g
- L) Not less than 340g and not more than 455g

Jumbo (J) Over 455 g.

- 5. Crayfish tails shall have been processed from crayfish that—
- a) have been killed by an approved method; and
- (b) following the removal of all intestinal parts, including the anus, have been vigorously washed individually in running water under pressure.

6. Crayfish tails shall be placed under refrigeration, fully prepared for freezing, within a period of two hours from the time of killing; and

b) be reduced in temperature to not more than -7°C within a period of 12 hours from the time of killing; containers, running consecutively from the beginning of each calendar year.

than 14 kg of crayfish. te.—For the purposes of Paragraph cainers containing a net (c) the following abbreviations may be used:—

Grade. Abbreviation

Small S

Medium M

Large L

Jumbo J.

2. Any printing on cellophane or other wrappers touching the flesh shall be in ink or colouration which has been certified as being harmless.

	and (c) immediately afterwards be	
	transferred to a refrigeration chamber the temperature of which shall be held at not more than -	
	15°C constant.	
2. Crayfish (uncooked)—frozen.	Crayfish—  (a) shall be clean and devoid of foreign matter; and (b) shall not be soft-shelled or a female in berry; and (c) shall be packed in containers which contain a net weight of not more than 25 kg of crayfish.  (1) Containers shall be clean, new, attractive in appearance and not likely to impart a taint to the contents.  Each container shall be wirebound or strapped with suitable wire or strapping.  Only one variety of crayfish shall be packed in any one container.  Crayfish shall be so packed as to be uniform in size and colour in each container.  Crayfish shall have been processed from crayfish that—  (a) have been killed by an approved method; and (b) have been vigorously washed individually in running water under pressure.  6. Crayfish shall individually—be placed under refrigeration, fully prepared for freezing, within a	
	period of two hours from the time of killing; and b) be reduced in temperature to not more than -7°C within a period of 12 hours from the time of killing; and	
	(c) immediately afterwards be transferred to a refrigeration chamber the temperature of which shall be held at not more than - 15°C constant.	
3. Crayfish (cooked)—frozen.	1. Crayfish—shall be clean and devoid of foreign matter; and	The trade description on the containers shall include—  (a) the letters "WT" or "PK"

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	shall not be soft-shelled or a female	according to whether the flesh is
	in berry; and	white or pink; and
	c) shall be packed in containers that	
	contain a net weight of not more	letters of equal size, and the
	than 25kg of crayfish.	words "Produce of Papua New
	(1) Containers shall be clean, new,	Guinea"; and
		he serial numbers of the respective
	likely to impart a taint to the	containers, running consecutively
	contents.	from the beginning of each
	Each container shall be wirebound	calendar year
	or strapped with suitable wire or	
	strapping.	
	only one variety of crayfish shall be	
	packed in each container.	
	Crayfish shall be so packed as to be	
	uniform in size and colour in each	
	container.	
	Crayfish shall have been processed	
	from crayfish that—	
	a) have been killed by an approved	
	method; and	
	(b) following cooking but before	
	packing, have been vigorously	
	washed individually in running	
	water under pressure.	
	6. Crayfish shall—	
	(a) be placed under refrigeration,	
	fully prepared for freezing, within	
	a period of two hours from the	
	time of cooking; and	
	b) be reduced in temperature to not	
	more than -12°C and be	
	afterwards held in a refrigeration	
	chamber the temperature of which	
	is held at not more than -12°C	
	constant.	
4. Tuna (frozen) in round.	The fish shall be frozen as soon as	
` '	possible after catching, and shall	
	be held at a temperature not	
	exceeding -15°C.	

5. Tuna (canned).	Only the light-coloured meat of the	trade description on the containers
3. Tuna (camica).	tuna shall be used.	shall include—
	ach can shall contain cooked meat,	
	which shall—	OIL"; and
		the words "WHITE MEAT" if the
	(b) be free from all dark meat; and	contents are derived from
	be packed in an approved vegetable	Albacore, or the words "LIGHT
	oil; and	MEAT" if the contents are
	(d) consist of—	derived from bluefin, yellowfin or
	(i) in the case of solid pack fancy	striped tuna; and
	canned tuna—solid pieces not	(c) in the case of—
	exceeding three in number; or	) solid pack fancy canned tuna, the
	i) in the case of solid pack standard	words "FANCY PACK TUNA";
	canned tuna—solid pieces not	or
	exceeding six in number; or	i) solid pack standard canned tuna,
	ii) in the case of grated or shredded	the words "SOLID PACK
	canned tuna—small uniform	TUNA"; or
		ii) grated or shredded canned tuna,
	mechanical means; or	the words "GRATED TUNA" or
	in the case of flaked canned tuna—	"SHREDDED TUNA" as the case
	small pieces not used in packing	may be; or
	solid packs.	
		"FLAKED TUNA", "TUNA
		FLAKES" or "BITE SIZE
		TUNA".
Fish other than fish specifically mentioned	The fish shall, in the opinion of an	The trade description shall include
in this Schedule.	officer—	the name of the variety of fish.
	be sound, wholesome and not in an	2. Any pictorial representation
	abnormal condition; and	included in the trade description
	) be reasonably uniform in size and	shall be that of the variety of fish
	colour; and	in the container.
	be contained in new containers that	
	are suitable in respect of size,	
	nature, durability and cleanliness;	
	and	
	(d) not be likely to arrive at their	
	destination in a deteriorated	
	condition.	
	2. Only one variety of fish shall be	
	packed in each container.	
	The fish shall, in the opinion of an	
	officer, have been processed from	
	fish that have been treated and	
	prepared in an approved manner.	

<sup>[11]</sup> Section 5(2): Penalty clause amended by *Customs (Penalties) Regulation* 1993 (No. 11 of 1993), s3.

<sup>[2]</sup> Section 17 amended by No. 21 of 1982.

<sup>[3]</sup> Section 17(2): Penalty clause amended by Customs (Penalties) Regulation 1993 (No. 11 of 1993), s3.

<sup>[4]</sup> Section 20 amended by No. 21 of 1982.

<sup>[5]</sup> Section 20(2): Penalty clause amended by Customs (Penalties) Regulation 1993 (No. 11 of 1993), s3.