
CHAPTER 422

THE SWORN WEIGHERS AND GAUGERS ACT

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SWORN WEIGHERS AND GAUGERS

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1. This Act may be cited as the Sworn Weighers and Gaugers Act. **Short title.**

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor-General from time to time to issue licences to such persons as he may deem qualified to act as weighers and gaugers within Antigua and Barbuda. **Licences to weighers and gaugers.**

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Sworn Weighers and Gaugers

Licenses to be sworn.

3. Every person licensed to act as a weigher and gauger shall, before acting as such, be sworn before the Governor-General or some person authorized by him to well and truly discharge the duties of a weigher and gauger.

Investigation of complaints against weighers, &c.

4. In case any complaint in writing shall be made against any weigher and gauger of neglect of duty or improper conduct, the Governor-General shall cause such complaint to be investigated, and if he shall be satisfied that such complaint is well founded he may cancel the licence issued to such weigher and gauger.

Fees to be paid to weighers, &c.

Schedule.

5. The fees fixed by the Schedule in respect of the weighing of packages and the gauging of casks, shall be paid by the person making application for the weighing and gauging of the same to the weigher and gauger entitled thereto, and in default of payment they may be recovered by such weigher and gauger before a Magistrate in a summary manner.

Public weighing machine to be provided.

6. A public weighing machine shall be provided and shall be kept at such place and be subject to such regulations as may from time to time be made by the Governor-General.

Licensee to provide himself with a scale, &c.

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7. Every person licensed to act as a weigher and gauger shall provide himself with a scale capable of weighing up to two tons and all necessary appliances for gauging.

Certificates of weighing and gauging.

8. Every weigher and gauger shall give a certificate in duplicate under his hand to the person for whom he may weigh or gauge, showing the weight of each package weighed by him, and the gauge and ullage of each cask gauged by him, and shall mark each such package and cask with the weight and contents thereof respectively, and also with the mark or brand of such weigher and gauger.

Counterfeiting weighers, &c., mark.

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9. If any person shall fraudulently forge or counterfeit the brand or mark on any package or cask of any weigher or gauger licensed under this Act, or shall fraudulently alter any such mark, every such person shall be liable on conviction before a Magistrate to be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding six months.

10. If any person licensed as a weigher and gauger under this Act shall fraudulently give a false certificate of the weight or gauge of any package or cask or of the contents thereof, such weigher and gauger shall in addition to the withdrawal of his licence be liable on conviction before a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding three thousand dollars, or in default of payment to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any period not exceeding six months. **Fraudulent certificates.**

11. Any person who bribes or offers to bribe any weigher or gauger to commit any offence under this Act shall be liable on conviction before a Magistrate to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding six months. **Bribing.**

12. Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the usual trade custom of weighing and gauging within Antigua and Barbuda being adhered to by mutual consent of buyer and seller. **Trade custom.**

SCHEDULE

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FEEs FOR WEIGHING.

For weighing hogsheads, per hogshead	8 cents
For weighing puncheons, or tierces, per puncheon or tierce	6 cents
For weighing barrels, per barrel	2 cents
For weighing bags, per bag	2 cents
For weighing other packages, per package	2 cents
For weighing goods in bulk, per 100 lbs	2 cents

FEEs FOR GAUGING.

For gauging each cask	8 cents
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