



Licensing Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 17

PART 9

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Interpretation

191 Meaning of “alcohol”

- (1) In this Act, “alcohol” means spirits, wine, beer, cider or any other fermented, distilled or spirituous liquor [^{F1}(in any state)], but does not include—
- (a) alcohol which is of a strength not exceeding 0.5% at the time of the sale or supply in question,
 - (b) perfume,
 - (c) flavouring essences recognised by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise as not being intended for consumption as or with dutiable alcoholic liquor,
 - (d) the aromatic flavouring essence commonly known as Angostura bitters,
 - (e) alcohol which is, or is included in, a medicinal product [^{F2}or a veterinary medicinal product],
 - (f) denatured alcohol,
 - (g) methyl alcohol,
 - (h) naphtha, or
 - (i) alcohol contained in liqueur confectionery.
- (2) In this section—
- “denatured alcohol” has the same meaning as in section 5 of the Finance Act 1995 (c. 4);
- “dutiable alcoholic liquor” has the same meaning as in the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 (c. 4);
- “liqueur confectionery” means confectionery which—
- (a) contains alcohol in a proportion not greater than 0.2 litres of alcohol (of a strength not exceeding 57%) per kilogram of the confectionery, and

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- (b) either consists of separate pieces weighing not more than 42g or is designed to be broken into such pieces for the purpose of consumption; “medicinal product” has the same meaning as in section 130 of the Medicines Act 1968 (c. 67); and
- “strength” is to be construed in accordance with section 2 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979.
- [^{F3}“veterinary medicinal product” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2006]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 191(1) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 135**, 183(1)(5)(e); S.I. 2017/399, reg. 3(a)
- F2** Words in s. 191(1)(e) inserted (1.10.2006) by [The Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2407\)](#), reg. 44(3), **Sch. 9 Pt. 1 para. 13(a)** (with reg. 3)
- F3** S. 191(2): definition of "veterinary medical product" inserted (1.10.2006) by [The Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2407\)](#), reg. 44(3), **Sch. 9 Pt. 1 para. 13(b)** (with reg. 3)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 5A inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(2)Sch. 17
- s. 2(1A) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(1)
- s. 10(4)(e) and word inserted by 2011 c. 13 s. 121(3)(b)
- s. 140(2)(e) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(4)(b)
- s. 141(2)(e) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(5)(b)
- s. 143(2)(e) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(6)(b)
- s. 144(2)(e) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(7)(b)
- s. 147A(4)(c) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(8)(b)
- s. 153(4)(d) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(9)(b)
- s. 197(3)(cza) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(12)(a)
- s. 197A197B inserted by 2011 c. 13 s. 121(2)