



Explosives Act 1875

1875 CHAPTER 17 38 and 39 Vict

PART I.—LAW RELATING TO GUNPOWDER

Sale of Gunpowder

32 Sale of gunpowder to be in closed packages labelled.

All gunpowder exceeding [^{F1}500 grams] in weight, when publicly exposed for sale or sold, shall be in a substantial case, bag, canister, or other receptacle made and closed so as to prevent the gunpowder from escaping, and (except when the same is sold to any person employed by or on the property occupied by the vendor for immediate use in the service of the vendor or on such property,) the outermost receptacle containing such gunpowder shall have affixed the word “gunpowder” in conspicuous characters by means of a brand or securely attached label, or other mark.

If any gunpowder is sold or exposed for sale in contravention of this section—

- (1) The person selling or exposing for sale the same shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding [^{F2}£2] ; and
- (2) All or any part of the gunpowder so exposed for sale may be forfeited.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by [S.I. 1984/510, reg. 2, Sch. 1](#)

F2 Words substituted by virtue of [Decimal Currency Act 1969 \(c. 19\), s. 10\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Explosives Act 1875, Section 32 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 30-32 repealed by [2003 c. 22 Sch.](#)