



Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1875

1875 CHAPTER 63 38 and 39 Vict

Description of Offences

6 Prohibition of the sale of articles of food and of drugs not of the proper nature, substance, and quality

No person shall sell to the prejudice of the purchaser any article of food or any drug which is not of the nature, substance, and quality of the article demanded by such purchaser, under a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds; provided that an offence shall not be deemed to be committed under this section in the following cases; that is to say,

- (1) Where any matter or ingredient not injurious to health has been added to the food or drug because the same is required for the production or preparation thereof as an article of commerce, in a state fit for carriage or consumption, and not fraudulently to increase the bulk, weight, or measure of the food or drug, or conceal the inferior quality thereof;
- (2) Where the drug or food is a proprietary medicine, or is the subject of a patent in force, and is supplied in the state required by the specification of the patent;
- (3) Where the food or drug is compounded as in this Act mentioned;
- (4) Where the food or drug is unavoidably mixed with some extraneous matter in the process of collection or preparation.