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**An Act to make provision for regulating the importation, conveyance and storage of petroleum and other inflammable oils and liquids; and to provide for incidental matters.**

### 1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Petroleum Act.

### 2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"**crude petroleum**" means any petroleum found in naturally formed liquid deposits and obtained as a raw material for the purpose of being refined into its many petroleum finished products or derivatives;

"**petroleum**" means crude petroleum and petroleum derivatives;

"**petroleum derivatives**" means any naturally occurring or manufactured petroleum hydrocarbon.

*[As amended by Act [No. 8 of 1995](#)]*

### 3. Regulations

The Minister may, by statutory instrument, make regulations for all or any of the purposes following:

- (a) prohibiting the importation or exportation of petroleum except at such ports or places and in such quantities and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed;
- (b) regulating the transport of petroleum whether by railway, road or inland navigation;
- (c) regulating the quantity and quality of, mode of storage of, and the receptacles in which petroleum may be carried in any vessel, cart, truck, or other vehicle, and the quantities and qualities to be contained in such receptacles;
- (d) prescribing the form of construction and type of materials used in all equipment, vessels, vehicles, tanks and receptacles that are used in the processing, transport, storage and sale of petroleum by establishing and enforcing the required codes for such, and the licensing of the operators;
- (e) prescribing the safety and environmental requirements for the operation of all equipment, vessels, vehicles, trucks, and receptacles used in the processing, storage and sale of petroleum by establishing and enforcing the required codes for such, and licensing of the operators;
- (f) prescribing the powers and duties of officers appointed for the purposes of this Act;
- (g) providing for the search and inspection of any ship, vessel, vehicle, building or place in which petroleum is stored or carried or in which there may be reason to believe that petroleum is stored or carried;
- (h) prescribing the fees to be paid for any licence or permit issued or examination or other thing done under this Act;

- (i) generally for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

*[As amended by G.N. No. 202 of 1964 and Act [No. 8 of 1995](#)]*

#### **4. Extension of regulations**

The Minister may, by statutory notice—

- (a) declare that all or any of the regulations under this Act, with or without such modification as may be determined, shall apply to any inflammable oil or liquid;
- (b) declare that any ship, equipment, tank, vehicle, vessel and receptacle or place shall be exempted, either conditionally or absolutely, from all or any of the regulations under this Act.

*[As amended by G.N. No. 202 of 1964 and Act [No. 8 of 1995](#)]*

#### **5. Penalty**

Every omission or neglect to comply with and every act done or attempted to be done contrary to the provisions of this Act or of any regulations made thereunder, or in breach of the conditions and restrictions subject to or upon which any licence or permit has been issued, shall be deemed to be an offence against this Act and for every such offence not otherwise specially provided for, the offender shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand penalty units or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both, and any article in respect to which an offence shall have been committed shall be liable to be forfeited and any subsisting licence or permit shall be liable to be cancelled.

*[As amended by Act [No. 13 of 1994](#) and Act [No. 8 of 1995](#)]*