



CHAPTER 40

An Act respecting canned foods

[Assented to, the 19th of February, 1932]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Revised Statutes, 1925, are amended by insert- R. S., c. 68 A,
ing therein, after chapter 68 thereof, the following chapter: added.

“CHAPTER 68A

“AN ACT RESPECTING CANNED FOODS

“**1.** This act may be cited as the *Canned Foods Act*. Short title.

“**2.** In this act unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation:

1. The words “canned foods” include foods which have been heated, cooked, preserved, condensed, evaporated, dehydrated, dried or otherwise processed or prepared for food and are placed in any closed can, bottle, package or container; “Canned foods”;

2. The word “establishment” means any factory, or other place or premises in which food is treated, canned, bottled, warehoused, stored or exposed for commercial purposes; “Establishment”;

3. The word “canner” means any person, partnership, company or corporation preparing canned foods for commercial purposes; “Canner”;

4. The word “inspector” means any person appointed as such under this act; “Inspector”;

5. The word “Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec; “Minister”;

- “Person”; 6. The word “person” includes a partnership, company, or corporation;
- “Regulations”. 7. The word “regulations” means regulations made under this act.
- License. “3. No person, within the limits of this Province, shall, for commercial purposes, make canned goods unless a license to that effect has been granted to him by the Minister and the same be in force.
- Cancellation, etc. Such license shall be free of charge and may be cancelled for cause by the Minister, at any time.
- Imposing of conditions. “4. Before the granting of any such license the Minister may inquire into the sanitary condition of the premises and impose any conditions which he deems necessary.
- Supplying of information. “5. Every canner and every person operating an establishment must supply the Minister, or any person appointed by him for such purpose, with all the information which may be asked of him respecting the matters forming the object of this act.
- Regulations. “6. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make, amend or repeal regulations:
- a. For determining the conditions for the issuing of the license, its form, period and renewal;
- b. For determining the standards of quality, the mode of preparing, grading and inspecting canned foods and food intended for canning, as well as the standard sizes of the containers;
- c. For establishing the conditions and formalities concerning the confiscation of any canned food or of any food intended for canning unfit for consumption or not in accordance with the standards of quality and with the grading;
- d. For any other matter necessary for the carrying out of this act.
- Publication. Such regulations shall be published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*.
- Appointment of inspectors, etc. “7. The inspectors and officers required for the carrying out of the provisions of this act may be appointed in accordance with the Civil Service Act (Chap. 10) or with the Outside Service Act (Chap. 10A).
- Obstruction. “8. It is forbidden to obstruct in any manner an inspector acting in execution of this act.

“**9.** Every person who commits an infringement of any provision of this act or of the regulations shall be liable, on summary trial, in addition to the costs, to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to an imprisonment not exceeding three months. ^{Infringements.} ^{Penalty.}”

“**10.** The Minister of Agriculture is charged with the carrying out of this act.” ^{Carrying out of act.}

2. This act shall come into force on the day which it may please the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to fix by proclamation. ^{Coming into force.}

