

Memorandum for Cabinet by the Hon. Minister of Trade,
Industry and Agriculture regarding The Wine Act

With the gradual but steady development of the local wine industry, the need to revise the existing legislation concerning wine and wine manufacture has been increasingly felt since some time.

At the moment the industry is governed by the provisions of the Artificial Wine Ordinance of 1911 and by Regulations issued under the Supply and Services Act 1947.

This antiquated Ordinance was repealed by the Wine Ordinance (Cap.162) in June 1939 but Government Notice No. 464 of 1940 suspended the operation of the Wine Ordinance and again brought into effect the provisions of the Artificial Wine Ordinance which is now no longer suitable and has to be replaced, as early as possible by more modern provisions.

The Wine Advisory Board was, therefore, asked to consider the Wine Ordinance (Cap.162) and propose a more up-to-date Act by which the business of production, importation and sale of wine could be regulated and controlled and which would concurrently enable the repeal of the Wine (Control) Regulations 1955 issued under the Supplies and Services Act 1947 which would no longer be required.

The Wine Advisory Board held several sittings during 1968 and eventually produced a draft Wine Ordinance which was then submitted to the Crown Advocate General for vetting and drafting as found necessary.

The Bill, the Cabinet is now invited to consider, is based on the draft Ordinance, produced by the Wine Advisory Board and, on promulgation, it will be followed by Legal Notices which will bring into effect the remaining parts of the draft Ordinance which are not proper to the enabling Act.

Hon. Ministers are kindly asked to agree that the enclosed Draft Bill should go before the House of Representatives for approval.

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