

Punjab Bhang Import, Export, Transport and Possession Orders, 1955

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Revenue Department Excise and Taxation

No.G.S.R.156/P.A.I/14/Section58/62.-ThefollowingOrders,asamendeduptothe 1st January, 1962, are republished below for general information :-

1.Theexpression"import"andtheexpression"export"intheseordersshallhavethe meanings respectively assigned to them in the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

2.Nothingintheseordersshallapplyto**bhang**imported,exportedandtransportedfor privateconsumptionandnotforsale,inanyquantitynotexceedingthatprescribedin the Punjab Intoxicants,LicenseandSale Ordersasthe maximumquantitywhichmay be sold by retail.

3.Withreferencetosection18ofthePunjabExciseAct,1914no**Bhang**shallbe exportedortransportedexceptunderapassissuedinaccordancewiththeserulesfor such export and transport.

4. Exceptasprovidedin Order 2 preceding,import of *Bhang*isprohibitedexceptundera pass granted in this behalf by the Financial Commissioner.

5. Export of Bhang. - *Bhang* may be exported from any[place] in Punjab to any placein India subject to the following condition:-

(a)The exporter must obtain a permit froman authorisedExciseOfficerofthe [Union TerritoryorState]ofdestinationauthorisinghimtoremove*Bhang*fromPunjab into such [Union Territory or State].

(b) The exporter must obtain a pass to cover the export.

(c)Theexportermusthavepaidsuchdutyasmaybefromtimetotimebeimposed ontheexportof*Bhang*undersection31ofthePunjabExciseAct(1of1914) unless the *Bhang* is exported in bond.

(d)Theexportermustproducethe*Bhang*tobeexportedattheofficeoftheExcise andTaxationOfficeroranyotherOfficerauthorisedforthepurposeofweighment and calculation of duty.

(e)The*Bhang*mustbeexportedinquantitiesofnotlessthan[thirtyseven kilograms] at any time.

6. Transportof Bhang.-ExceptasprovidedinOrder2precedinganypersonholdinga licenceforthewholesaleorretailvendof*Bhang*inPunjabmaytransport*Bhang*from anyplaceinPunjabintoaDistrictinwhichheholdsalicencesubjecttothefollowing condition:-

(a) The transporter must obtain from the Collector concerned a permit to transport *Bhang* to the District in which he is licensed to sell *Bhang*.

(b)ThetransportermustobtainfromCollectorconcernedapassauthorisingthe transportof*Bhang*describedtherein,aspecifiedroutetothevendpremisesofa specified person licensed to sell *Bhang* wholesale or retail in Punjab.

(c)Thetransportermustproducethe*Bhang*tobetransportedattheofficeofthe ExciseandTaxationOfficeroranyotherOfficerauthorisedintheDistrictfrom which the *Bhang*isto betransportedfor the purpose ofweighment and calculation of duty.

(d) The transporter must have paid such duty as may from time to time be imposed on the transport of *Bhang* under section 31 of the Punjab Excise Act (1 of 1914).

(e) The *Bhang* must be transported in quantities of not less than thirty seven kilograms) at a time.

7. *Bhang* may be transported by a person licensed to sell *Bhang* wholesale or retail in Punjab from one place of bond to another in the same District in quantities greater than (two hundred and thirty-three grams subject always to the conditions of the transport license), without a transport pass and without payment of transport duty.

8. The import, export and transport of *Bhang* on account of Government may be carried out without restriction; provided that in the case of transit by post the import, export and transport shall be subject to the following restrictions :-

(a) Only the parcel post may be used.

(b) The parcel shall be accompanied by a declaration stating the name and designation of the consignee and consignor, the contents of the parcel in detail and the indent number and date covering the transaction.

(c) The consignee shall show distinctly in his account book the name and designation of the consignor and the quantity of drug sent to him from time to time by post.

9. Possession of *Bhang*. - Save as provided in rule 8 above, the import, export or transport of *Bhang*, into from or within Punjab is permitted only by means other than that of the post.

10. A person licensed to sell *Bhang* wholesale or retail in Punjab may possess *Bhang* in any quantity.

