

TINTED MOTOR SPIRIT ACT

Act 37 of 1965 – 4 December 1965

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Tinted Motor Spirit Act.

2. Prohibition

(1) Except with the permission of the Commissioner of Police, no person shall—

- (a) add any tincture to any motor spirit or diesel oil so as to make it blue;
- (b) import any motor spirit or diesel oil which has been tinted blue; or
- (c) have in his possession, without sufficient excuse or justification, any quantity of motor spirit or diesel oil which has been tinted blue.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall commit an offence.

3. Arrest without warrant

A police officer may arrest without warrant any person who has committed or is reasonably suspected by him of having committed an offence under this Act where—

- (a) he has reasonable grounds for believing that person will abscond unless arrested; or
- (b) the name and address of that person are unknown to him and cannot be ascertained by him.

4. Power to stop and seize vehicle

A police officer may, on reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence is being committed under this Act, stop and examine any vehicle or

engine and, where satisfied that an offence under this Act has been committed, seize the vehicle or engine.

5. Penalty and forfeiture

Any person who commits an offence under this Act shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, and any vehicle or engine seized under section 4 shall be liable to forfeiture.
