

No. 9] *Distribution and Price of Goods (Amendment) Act* [2008.

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PEARLETTE LOUISY,
Governor-General.

August 6, 2008.

SAINT LUCIA

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No. 9 of 2008

AN ACT to amend the Distribution and Price of Goods Act 2006, No. 35.

[11th August, 2008]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly and the Senate of Saint Lucia, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

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Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Distribution and Price of Goods (Amendment) Act 2008.

Interpretation

2. In this Act “principal Act” means the Distribution and Price of Goods Act 2006, No. 35.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by—
- (a) deleting the definition of the words “authorizing officer” and substituting the following:
 ““authorized officer” means a redress officer or a person designated in writing by the Minister to be an authorized officer pursuant to section 44;”;
 - (b) inserting the definition of the words “redress officer” in its proper alphabetical sequence—
 ““redress officer” means a person appointed by the Public Service Commission to investigate consumer complaints;”.

Amendment of section 7

4. Subsection (1) of section 7 of the principal Act is amended by —
- (a) deleting the word “two” and substituting the word “one” appearing in paragraph (b);
 - (b) deleting the letter “s” appearing in the word “persons” appearing in paragraph (b);
 - (c) deleting paragraph (c) and substituting the following:
 “(c) one person, not being a public officer, who shall be nominated by organizations representing business interest in trade, industry and commerce;”;
 - (d) inserting immediately after paragraph (c), the following paragraph (d):
 “(d) one public officer selected from among the personnel of such Ministries of Government as the Minister may determine; and”;
 - (e) inserting immediately after paragraph (d), the following paragraph (e):
 “(e) an attorney-at-law with at least three years standing.”.

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Amendment of section 34

5. Subsection (2) of section 34 of the principal Act is amended by —

- (a) deleting the word “and” appearing in paragraph (c);
- (b) deleting paragraph (d) and substituting the following:
 - “(d) if the sale is by wholesale, the retail price fixed;”;
- (c) inserting immediately after paragraph (d) the following paragraph (e):
 - “(e) the sum charged.”.

Substitution of section 48

6. Section 48 of the principal Act is deleted and substituted with the following:

“48. An authorized officer may enter during business hours upon any place or premises in the occupation of any trader for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of this Act are being complied with and to search for and inspect any documents relating wholly or in part to the business carried on by such trader in relation to the sale of goods and make copies or abstracts of such documents and take such steps as may be reasonably necessary in the circumstances.”.

Substitution of section 49

7. Section 49 of the principal Act is deleted and substituted with the following:

“49. An authorized officer may take possession of any document or goods which appear to him or her to constitute *prima facie* evidence of a breach of any order or notice under the provisions of this Act.”.

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Passed in the House of Assembly this 8th day of July, 2008.

SARAH FLOOD-BEAUBRUN,
Speaker of the House.

Passed in the Senate this 28th day of July, 2008.

ROSEMARIE HUSBANDS-MATHURIN,
President of the Senate.