

# Ceramics (Country of Origin Marking) Bill

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Require the indication of country of origin for ceramic products; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Ceramic goods to which this Act applies**

- (1) This Act applies to ceramic goods that are—
- (a) shaped from clay and hardened by high temperature;
  - (b) intended for use as tableware, kitchenware, or ornamentation;
  - (c) intended for sale; and
  - (d) made after this section comes into force.
- (2) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may amend subsection (1) in accordance with subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) The regulations may amend subsection (1) so as to include ceramics produced in the United Kingdom not for the time being covered by that subsection.
- (4) The regulations may amend subsection (1) so as to exclude goods for the time being covered by that subsection if the Secretary of State is of an opinion that the requirement for such goods to be sold with an indication under section 3 is detrimental to the economic well-being of all or part of the ceramics industry in the United Kingdom.

**2 Country of origin**

For the purposes of this Act, a ceramic good is made in the country where the majority of the clay that comprises the good was first hardened by high temperature.

**3 Requirement for goods to bear indication of origin**

- (1) Ceramic goods to which this Act applies must bear an indication of the good's country of origin.

- (2) A person commits an offence if they sell or supply goods to which this Act applies and such goods do not bear an indication under subsection (1), but see subsection (3).
- (3) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (2) if the goods in question were made prior to this section coming into force. 5
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations designate countries for the purposes of subsection (1).

#### **4 Indications of country of origin**

- (1) An indication of country of origin must state the country where the ceramic good was made. 10
- (2) Where a ceramic good was made in the United Kingdom, an indication of country of origin may state that the item was –
- (a) made in Britain,
  - (b) made in Great Britain,
  - (c) made in the United Kingdom, 15
  - (d) made in England (if the ceramic good was so made),
  - (e) made in Scotland (if the ceramic good was so made),
  - (f) made in Northern Ireland (if the ceramic good was so made),
  - (g) made in Wales (if the ceramic good was so made).
- (3) A person commits an offence if they produce or sell a ceramic good to which this Act applies bearing an indication of country of origin that does not correspond to the country in which the good was made. 20
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe additional requirements that indications of country of origin must comply with.

#### **5 Offences** 25

A person guilty of an offence under this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

#### **6 Regulations**

- (1) Regulations under this Act are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (2) Regulations under this Act may make different provisions for different purposes. 30
- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this Act is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

#### **7 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 35
- (2) Except for this section, this Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint.
- (3) Regulations under this section may make different provision for different areas.

- (4) This Act may be cited as the Ceramics (Country of Origin Marking) Act 2018.

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