

Owner to give assistance to inspector.

(4) The owner or person in charge of a place entered by an inspector pursuant to subsection (1) and every person found therein shall give the inspector all reasonable assistance in his power and furnish him with such information as he may reasonably require.

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Obstructing inspector.

(5) No person shall obstruct an inspector in the carrying out of his duties under this Act or the regulations.

False statements.

(6) No person shall make any false or misleading statement either verbally or in writing to any inspector engaged in carrying out his duties under this Act or the regulations. 10

Interference with articles seized.

(7) No person shall remove, alter or interfere in any way with any article seized under this Act without the authority of an inspector.

Storing of seized articles.

(8) Any article seized under this Act may at the option of an inspector be kept or stored in the building or place 15 where it was seized or may at the direction of an inspector be removed to any other place.

### *Forfeiture.*

Release of seized articles.

22. (1) An inspector shall release any article seized by him under this Act when he is satisfied that all the provisions of this Act and the regulations with respect thereto have been 20 complied with.

Destruction with consent.

(2) Where an inspector has seized an article under this Act and the owner thereof or the person in whose possession the article was at the time of seizure consents to the destruction thereof, the article is thereupon forfeited to Her Majesty 25 and may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the Minister may direct.

Forfeiture upon conviction.

(3) Where a person has been convicted of a violation of this Act or the regulations, the court or judge may order that any article by means of or in relation to which the offence 30 was committed or anything of a similar nature belonging to or in the possession of the accused or found with such article, be forfeited, and upon such order being made, such articles and things are forfeited to Her Majesty and may be disposed of as the Minister may direct. 35

Order for forfeiture.

(4) Without prejudice to the operation of subsection (3), a judge of a superior, county or district court of the province in which any article was seized under this Act may, on the application of an inspector and on such notice to such persons as the judge directs, order that the article 40 and anything of a similar nature found therewith be forfeited to Her Majesty to be disposed of as the Minister may direct, if the judge finds, after making such inquiry as he considers necessary, that the article is one by means of or in relation to which any of the provisions of this Act or 45 the regulations were violated.