

3. Violations

Section 19 of the Act provides that:

- (1) Every person who violates any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable
 - (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to both fine and imprisonment; or
 - (b) on conviction upon indictment to a fine not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both fine and imprisonment.
- (2) A prosecution under paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) may be instituted at any time within three years from the time when the subject matter of the complaint arose.

Section 24 of the Act delegates responsibility for the enforcement of the Act to all officers as defined in the Customs Act. One hundred and forty-five suspected violations were investigated or are still under investigation; 40 charges were laid resulting in thirty-five (35) convictions and fines totalling \$44,534.29. Three (3) charges were dropped. As of December 31, 1982, 11 court cases were pending.