

**EXCISE (CONTROL OF DISTILLATION) (AMENDMENT)  
DECREE 1970**



**Decree No. 54**

[11th November 1970]

Commence-  
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. Immediately after section 2 of the Excise (Control of Distillation) Act 1964 there shall be inserted the following section—

Amendment  
of Act 1964.  
No. 22.

“Manu-  
facture of  
spirits from  
crude gin.

“2A.—(1) Any person to whom a distiller's licence has been granted under section 1 of this Act may be approved by the Board for the purposes of this section.

(2) Any person may, on payment of a fee of £10 annually, be registered by the Board as an agent for the supply of crude gin to approved distillers.

(3) Approval and registration under subsections (1) and (2) above shall be applied for and recorded in such form and manner as the Board may deem fit to direct.

(4) Notwithstanding any other enactment, it shall be lawful—

(a) for an approved distiller to obtain crude gin from a registered agent and, subject to such regulations for quality control as may be made by the Federal Commissioner for Industries, to distil or otherwise convert the crude gin into potable spirits for sale ;

(b) for a registered agent to supply crude gin to an approved distiller, and for that purpose a registered agent may—

(i) possess a still and distil crude gin, or

(ii) obtain crude gin from another person ; and

(c) for the purposes of supplying crude gin to a registered agent, for any person to—

(i) possess a still and distil crude gin, or

(ii) possess and deal in crude gin.

(5) For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that nothing in this section shall be construed as—

(a) authorising any person to sell crude gin to any person other than a registered agent ;

(b) a registered agent to sell crude gin to any person other than an approved distiller.

(6) In this section—

“approved distiller” means a distiller approved under subsection (1) above;

“crude gin” means spirits distilled from fermented or partly fermented palm wine or from any other fermented or partly fermented liquor produced in Nigeria, with or without flavouring essence;

“registered agent” means an agent registered under subsection (2) above”.

Citation and extent.

2. This Decree may be cited as the Excise (Control of Distillation) (Amendment) Decree 1970 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

MADE at Lagos this 11th day of November 1970.

MAJOR-GENERAL Y. GOWON,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,  
Federal Republic of Nigeria*