

Power of employer to exempt himself from penalty on conviction of the actual offender.

8. Where an employer is charged with an offence under this Act, he shall be entitled, upon information duly laid by him, to have any other person whom he charges as the actual offender brought before the Court at the time appointed for hearing the charge, and if after the commission of the offence has been proved the employer proves to the satisfaction of the Court that he had used due diligence to enforce the execution of this Act, and that the said other person had committed the offence in question without his knowledge, consent, or connivance, the said other person shall be summarily convicted of such offence, and the employer shall be exempt from any penalty.

Burden of proof.

9. In any prosecution under this Act, proof that the meat in question is not foreign or colonial meat shall rest with the person charged.

Limitations on prosecutions.

10. No prosecution shall be brought for an offence against this Act alleged to have been committed more than three months before the commencement of the prosecution; but on proof of the commission of such offence by the defendant within such period it shall be lawful for the prosecutor to give evidence of the commission of other such offences by the defendant at any time within twelve months of the commencement of the prosecution.

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