

Oleomargarine—Sale Of—License.

Sections of Code relating to sale of oleomargarine and the license thereof cited.

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Stone-Ordean-Wells Co.,
Great Falls, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 5th inst., requesting that I advise you concerning the State Laws regulating the sale of Oleomargarine.

Section 2763 requires every person, company or corporation selling oleomargarine, butterine, or imitation cheese, to pay a license of one cent per pound for each pound sold.

Section 8515 requires every person who manufactures for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or has in his possession with intent to sell any article or substance in resemblance of butter or cheese, not the

legitimate product of the dairy, and not made exclusively of milk or cream, or into which the oil or fat of animals not produced from milk, enters as a component part, or has been introduced to take the place of cream, must distinctly stamp, brand or mark in some conspicuous place upon the firkin, tub or package of such article, the word "Oleomargarine" or "Imitation Cheese" as the case may be; and in the retail sale of such article, in parcels or otherwise, the seller must deliver to the purchaser a printed label, bearing the plainly printed words "Oleomargarine" or "Imitation Cheese."

Section 8517 requires every person dealing in the articles mentioned in Sec. 8516, and every hotel, restaurant, or boarding house keeper, using such article in his business, to keep continuously and conspicuously posted up in not less than three exposed places in and about his place of business a printed notice in the following words: "Oleomargarine" or "Imitation Cheese", "sold (or used) here", which notice must be plainly printed in letters not less than two inches square each, and must upon furnishing the article to his customers or guests, if inquiry is made, distinctly inform each of them that the article furnished is not butter or cheese the genuine product of the dairy, but is oleomargarine or imitation cheese.

Section 8518 provides penalties for violation of the provisions of the foregoing sections, such penalty being imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one month, or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Respectfully,

S. C. FORD,

Attorney General.