PEPPER, CLOVES, AND NUTMEG
Act 418 of 1919

AN ACT to provide for the manufacture and sale of black pepper, white pepper, red pepper, cloves and
nutmegs, and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act.


The People of the State of Michigan enact:

289.521 Black pepper; standards.
Sec. 1. No person, firm or corporation shall manufacture for sale, or expose for sale, sell, exchange or
deliver or have in his possession with intent to sell, exchange or deliver, any ground or whole black pepper
which contains not less than 6-75/100 per cent of non-volatile ether extract, not less than 30 per cent of starch,
not more than 7 per cent of total ash, nor more than 1 and 5/10 per cent of ash insoluble in hydrochloric acid.

Former law: See Act 180 of 1901, being CL 1915, §§ 6519 and 6520, and Act 29 of 1869, being CL 1897, §§ 4911 to 4953.

289.522 White pepper; standards.
Sec. 2. No person, firm or corporation shall manufacture for sale, or expose for sale, sell, exchange or
deliver or have in his possession with intent to sell, exchange or deliver, any ground or whole white pepper
which contains not less than 7 per cent of non-volatile ether extract, not less than 52 per cent of starch, not
more than 5 per cent of crude fiber, not more than 3-5/10 per cent of total ash, nor more than 3/10 per cent of
ash insoluble in hydrochloric acid.


289.523 Red pepper; standards.
Sec. 3. No person, firm or corporation shall manufacture for sale, or expose for sale, sell, exchange or
deliver or have in his possession with intent to sell, exchange or deliver, any ground or whole red pepper
which contains not more than 8 per cent of total ash, nor more than 1 per cent of ash insoluble in hydrochloric acid.


289.524 Cloves; standards.
Sec. 4. No person, firm or corporation shall manufacture for sale, or expose for sale, sell, exchange or
deliver or have in his possession with intent to sell, exchange or deliver any ground or whole cloves which
contain not more than 5 per cent of clove stems, not less than 15 per cent of volatile ether extract, not less
than 12 per cent of quercitannic acid (calculated from the total oxygen absorbed by the aqueous extract), not
more than 10 per cent of crude fiber, not more than 7 per cent of total ash, nor more than 5/10 per cent of ash
insoluble in hydrochloric acid.


289.525 Nutmegs; standards.
Sec. 5. No person, firm or corporation shall manufacture for sale, or expose for sale, sell, exchange or
deliver or have in his possession with intent to sell, exchange or deliver, any ground or whole nutmegs which
contain not less than 25 per cent of non-volatile ether extract, not more than 10 per cent of crude fiber, not
more than 5 per cent of total ash, nor more than 5/10 per cent of ash insoluble in hydrochloric acid.


289.526 Violation of act; penalty.
Sec. 6. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a
misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine of not more than 500 dollars and costs of
prosecution or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than 100 days, or by both such fine and
imprisonment in the discretion of the court.