

The Odisha Excise Act

Section 17 - Possession of intoxicant generally :-

1) No person not being licensed to manufacture, collect or sell any intoxicant shall have in his possession any quantity of any intoxicant in excess of such quantity as the State Government has, under Section 4, declared to be the limit of possession, except under a permit granted by the Collector in that behalf. (2) Sub-section (1) shall not apply to (a) any foreign liquor or India made foreign liquor, other than denatured spirit, which is in the possession of any common carrier or warehouse man as such; (b) any foreign liquor or India made foreign liquor which has been purchased by any person for his bonafide private consumption and not for sale or for use in the manufacture of any article for sale; (c) tari intended to be used in the manufacture of gur; and (d) tari intended to be used solely for the preparation of food for domestic consumption and not as an intoxicant, or for the preparation of any intoxicating article. (3) A licensed vendor shall not have in his possession at any place other than that authorized by his licence any quantity of any intoxicant in excess of such quantity as declared under Section 4 to be the limit of possession, except under a permit granted by the Collector in that behalf. (4) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-sections, the State Government may, by notification, prohibit the possession by any person or class of persons with such exceptions, if any, as may be specified in the notification, either in the whole or any part of the State of Odisha, any intoxicant either absolutely, or subject Section 18 - to such conditions as it may prescribe