

309. All barrels and tierces which shall be made and used for the purpose of packing or containing packed fish, shall be made of sound, well seasoned oak, ash, chestnut, pine or cypress staves, free from flaws or worm holes, of light timber not less than half an inch thick, with headings of the same kinds of wood not less than five-eighths of an inch thick and sound and well seasoned; the heading to be well planed or shaved, the barrels and tierces to be well hooped with at least three hoops on each bilge and three hoops on each chine, all of sufficient substance; the barrel staves twenty-eight inches in length, the heads seventeen inches between the chines, the barrels or tierces to be twenty inches across the bilge and to hold twenty-eight gallons; and the barrels, half barrels and tierces shall be made in a good and workmanlike manner, so as to hold pickle; the tierces shall contain not less than forty-five gallons, and the half barrels not less than fifteen gallons; *Provided*, that all barrels, half barrels or tierces made or used for the purpose of packing or containing pickled shad shall be made of white oak, pine or cypress, and shall have at least four hoops on the chine and three on the bilge; *And provided also*, that nothing contained in this law shall apply to fish in kegs of less than ten gallons.

310. The inspectors may require any casks to be filled up by the owner or owners, and by him or them re-packed or re-pickled, and in all respects completed in such manner as they shall direct, for the purpose of having the same made fit for exportation; any owner or person by him employed refusing or neglecting to comply herewith shall forfeit and pay five dollars for each offence.

311. If any herrings or other fish hereby required to be inspected shall on examination thereof by the inspector prove to be falsely packed, that is to say, the fish in one part of the cask of different or inferior quality from the other, or packed with any improper or unfit substances, with intent to defraud, the owner or agent shall forfeit and pay for each cask the sum of five dollars.

312. No pickled fish shall be exported from this State in casks by water, unless the master or owner of the vessel shall produce to the collector or other officer authorized by the United States to clear out vessels, a certificate from the inspector in chief or one of the sub-inspectors that the same has been inspected, marked and branded according to law.