

inspector shall receive six cents, and for each cask so gauged and marked, the sum of eight cents.

359. The said gauger and inspector shall upon request gauge and inspect all domestic distilled liquors in the following manner, to wit:

360. He shall mark all merchantable casks containing domestic distilled liquors with the letter B., with a marking iron on the bilge near the bung, to denote Baltimore inspection; and any cask containing such liquor to be merchantable must be round at the bilge and heads, the staves thereof to be seasoned white oak, free from any injurious portion of sap wood, and not less than half an inch thick at the thinnest part, and not more than three-quarters of an inch at the thickest part, and to be tight and secured with a sufficient number of good hoops, if of iron six, and if wood not less than twelve; and at least twelve on all double barrels, and hogsheads, and if any cask containing such liquor shall be found deficient in any of these respects by said gauger and inspector, he shall direct it to be coopered or other casks substituted therefor at the expense of the owner or seller, and if any such cask shall be found to be fraudulently made, the owner or seller thereof, or his agent, shall forfeit the cask to the use of the State.

361. He shall procure and use a correct set of gauging instruments and Dycus' hydrometer, which he shall keep in good order; and as soon as he has ascertained the capacity of any cask, and the strength of the domestic distilled liquors contained therein, he shall distinctly mark with marking irons the capacity on the bilge near the bung, and prefix the initial letter of his surname; he shall likewise mark the number of gallons of proof spirit contained in said cask on the head thereof, and for this purpose the standard of proof spirits is hereby fixed at eighty-five degrees of the aforesaid hydrometer.

362. All marks that shall be made by said gauger and inspector, determining the quantity of proof distilled liquors contained in any cask, shall be defaced thereon so soon as the same shall have been emptied, under a penalty of five dollars, to the use of the informer, to be paid by the owner or owners or person having possession thereof.