

SEC. 10. No person shall be prosecuted under the provisions of this Act when he can establish satisfactory evidence to the effect that he was not a party to the packing and grading of such articles and had no knowledge that the same were misbranded or illegally packed, or when he can establish a guaranty, signed by the person from whom he received such articles, to the effect that the same are not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of this Act. Said guaranty, or said satisfactory evidence, to afford protection, shall contain the true name and address of the party or parties from whom said articles were received, or who made the sale or shipment of such articles to such person.

SEC. 11. Definitions. The word "person" as used herein shall be construed to include both the singular and plural, individuals, corporations, co-partnerships, companies, societies and associations. The Act, omission or failure of any officer, agent, servant or employee acting within the scope of his employment or office shall be deemed the act, omission or failure of the principal. The words "closed package" shall mean a box, barrel, basket, hamper, or other package covered with burlap, tarlatan, slat or other covers, the contents of which cannot be seen or inspected when such package is closed.

SEC. 12. No person shall on behalf of any other person pack any apples for sale or transportation contrary to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 13. This Act shall not apply to apples actually transported in barrels to storage within this State until the same are sold, offered or exposed for sale, packed for sale, or transported for sale. Regulations and requirements herein in relation to transportation shall not apply to common carriers.

SEC. 14. The business of packing and marketing apples in the State of Maryland is hereby declared to be affected with a public interest and is subject to regulation and control by the State.

SEC. 15. The enforcement of this Act shall be vested in the State Board of Agriculture, and its officers, employees, agents and servants are authorized to enter upon the land and premises of any person within this State for the purpose of inspecting packages of apples and securing evidence of violation of this Act. Provided, however, that any such grades or classes for apples packed in closed packages which may hereafter be