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SCHEDULE.**LICENCE TO MANUFACTURE RICE.****CHAPTER 122.****RICE FACTORIES.**

26 of 1933. **An Ordinance to make provision for the regulation and control of rice factories and the manufacture of rice.**

[23RD SEPTEMBER, 1933.]

Short title. **1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Rice Factories Ordinance.**

Interpreta-
tion. **2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires—**
“ authority ” means the proper authority in control of matters relating to public health and sanitation ;

Cap. 56. “ Commissioner ” means a Commissioner appointed by the Governor under the District Government Ordinance ;

“ district ” means a district declared and established by the Governor in Council under the District Government Ordinance ;

“ licence ” means a licence to manufacture rice in a rice factory ;

“ manufacture of rice ” means the employment or use of any process in connection with the converting of padi into rice for the market ;

“ padi ” means the unhulled product of the rice plant ;

“ rice factory ” means any premises in which padi is manufactured into rice by mechanical power, and includes any place, building, machinery or equipment used in connection with or in relation to such premises for the storage of padi or rice or the manufacture of rice.

3. (1) Any person who desires to operate a rice factory shall, before he applies to the Commissioner for a licence under section 5, make application to the authority for a certificate that the premises are with reference to public health and sanitation fit to be used as a rice factory.

Certificate of authority as to fitness of rice factory.

(2) The authority shall forthwith consider the application and, if it thinks fit, grant the certificate.

4. (1) A person shall not manufacture rice unless he is the holder of a licence issued by the Commissioner.

Rice not to be manufactured without a licence.

(2) Any person who contravenes this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars and for a second or subsequent offence either to the penalty aforesaid or to imprisonment with or without hard labour not exceeding three months.

5. (1) Any person who desires to obtain a licence shall make application in writing to the Commissioner and shall submit therewith a certificate from the authority that the premises are with reference to public health and sanitation fit to be used as a rice factory.

Power of the Commissioner to issue licences.

(2) The Commissioner may refuse to issue a licence if the applicant has been convicted of an offence under this Ordinance.

6. (1) Where the Commissioner has refused to issue a licence the applicant may appeal to the Governor in Council.

Appeal to the Governor in Council from refusal to issue licence.

(2) Every appeal shall be by petition which shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Council within the period of one month after the applicant has received notice of the refusal.

(3) The petition shall contain the material facts on which the petitioner relies and a copy thereof shall within the period of

one month aforesaid be delivered to the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall thereupon submit in writing to the Clerk of the Council a statement of his reasons for the refusal.

(4) The Governor in Council after consideration of the petition and the statement of reasons may, if he think fit, order the Commissioner to issue a licence.

Form of
and fee for
licence.
Schedule.

7. (1) Every licence shall be in the form in the schedule and shall expire on the 31st December in every year.

(2) There shall be paid for every licence a fee of one dollar.

Transfer of
licence.

8. (1) Where the holder of a licence desires to transfer his licence to any other person he shall deliver to the Commissioner an application in writing signed by himself and the proposed transferee and the Commissioner shall, if the proposed transferee is in his opinion a person to whom a licence may be issued under section 5 of this Ordinance, endorse on the licence his consent to the transfer.

(2) Where the Commissioner refuses to consent to the transfer the applicants may appeal to the Governor in Council and the provisions of section 6 shall apply to an appeal under this subsection.

Register of
licences.

9. Every Commissioner shall keep a register of all licences issued by him.

Power to
enter and
inspect
factory and
examine
books.

10. (1) The Director of Agriculture or the Commissioner or a Deputy Director of Medical Services, or any person authorised in writing by any of them may at all reasonable times enter a rice factory and inspect the factory or any padi or rice therein or any books kept under this Ordinance.

(2) Any person who refuses to permit any person authorised by this section to enter a rice factory or to inspect or examine the factory or any of the books or who obstructs any such person in such entry, inspection or examination shall be guilty of an offence.

Padi to be
sold and
bought at
143 lbs.
gross per
bag.

11. (1) A person shall not sell, purchase or receive padi for the manufacture of rice, except at a price calculated on a bag of one hundred and forty-three pounds gross.

(2) Every person who contravenes this section shall be guilty of an offence.

12. Every person guilty of an offence under this Ordinance shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars. Penalty for offence.

13. All offences and penalties under this Ordinance may be prosecuted and recovered under the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinances. Penalties enforceable under Summary Jurisdiction Ordinances.

14. The Governor in Council may make rules and prescribe forms for the purpose of carrying this Ordinance into effect. All such rules and forms shall be laid before the Legislative Council. Governor in Council may make rules.

SCHEDULE.

RICE FACTORIES ORDINANCE.

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LICENCE TO MANUFACTURE RICE.

Licence No.....

District

Name and address of holder.....

Situation of rice factory.....

This licence is issued to the abovenamed person to manufacture rice at the rice factory stated in this licence.

This licence expires on the 31st December, 19 .

Fee : \$.....

Dated this.....day of.....19 .

District Commissioner.