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BRITISH GUIANA

REGULATIONS

MADE UNDER

THE BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ORDINANCE,
(Chapter 250).

UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE BRITISH GUIANA RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ORDINANCE AND IN PURSUANCE OF ALL OTHER POWERS HIM ENABLING THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the British Guiana Rice Producers Association (Amendment) Regulations, 1960, and shall be construed and read with the British Guiana Rice Producers Association Regulations*, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Regulations, and any Regulations amending the same.

2. Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended —

- (a) by the insertion after the definition of the expression “chairman” of the following new definition —
“Field Representative” means the person appointed by the Council to be the Executive Officer of a committee’;
- (b) by the deletion of the definitions of the expressions “electors” and “Secretary”; and
- (c) by the deletion from the definition of the expression “President” of the words occurring after the word “Council”.

3. Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended —

- (a) by the deletion of paragraph (2);
- (b) by renumbering paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);
- (c) by the insertion of the following paragraph as paragraph (3) —
“(3) On or before the 1st May in each year, the General Secretary shall publish, in all daily newspapers, a notice requiring every rice producer in every district in the Colony who desires to be registered as a member of the District Association to deliver to the district administration officer or the district agricultural officer, or any chairman of a village council, or any rice producer who is a landlord, on or before the 31st October a notice of that person’s claim to be so registered.”;

(d) by the substitution for paragraph (4) and (5) of the following paragraphs —

“(4) Every person to whom a notice of any such claim is delivered may require the claimant to produce evidence in support of his claim, and if satisfied that the claim is valid, shall sign and deliver to the claimant a certificate which shall be in Form No. 1 in the Schedule hereto.

(5) Any person claiming to be registered as a member of a District Association shall produce to the Field Representative of the Committee of the district a certificate signed under the preceding paragraph, that he is a rice producer in that district.”;

- (e) by the deletion of paragraphs (6) and (7);
- (f) by the substitution for the word "twenty-four" in paragraph (8) of the word "twenty-five"; and
- (g) by renumbering paragraphs (8) and (9) as paragraphs (6) and (7) respectively.

4. Regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations is hereby revoked and the following regulation substituted therefor —

"4.(1) A Committee shall be elected for each District Association in the manner hereinafter provided on or before the 30th April in every alternate year commencing with the year 1960.

(2) The Council shall, in every year in which such elections are to be held, appoint a day and place for the nomination of candidates, and a day and polling station for the election of candidates, in each district.

Provided that the Council may subdivide any district, and may appoint a head polling station in any such subdivision and a sub-polling station in every other subdivision of the district and may alter the boundaries of any subdivision or make new sub-divisions or cancel or vary any appointment made under this paragraph.

(3) The General Secretary shall, by leaflets, by notice published in at least one daily newspaper and by causing notices to be posted up at the office of each District Association, police stations, magistrate court rooms and at other conspicuous places in the district, give to members of the District Association at least fourteen days notice of such days and places as may be appointed for the nomination and election of members of a Committee of the District Association.

(4) For the purpose of an election of a Committee, the General Secretary shall appoint a Returning Officer for the district and, in the case of a district which has been subdivided under paragraph (2) of this regulation, a Presiding Officer for each subdivision in which a sub-polling station is situated and may cancel or vary any such appointment.

(5) The General Secretary shall, for the said purpose, compile a list for the district, or for each subdivision thereof, if any, of the rice producers entitled to vote therein and shall forward the list to the Returning Officer for the district or, if the list is for a sub-division in which a sub-polling station is situated, to the Presiding Officer for the subdivision.

(6) On the day and at the place appointed for the nomination of candidates in his district, the Returning Officer shall attend to receive nominations from the hours of eight to ten in the forenoon.

(7) No nomination shall be accepted unless the candidate is a registered member of the District Association and is proposed and seconded by two other registered members who are present when the nomination is made. A person shall not be deemed to be a registered member of a District Association for the purposes of this paragraph if his registration fee for any year has not been paid.

(8) No less than seven candidates shall be nominated for the purpose of the election of a committee

(9) If only seven candidates are nominated, the Returning Officer shall publicly declare them elected as members of the Committee.

(10) If at the close of the nominations there are more candidates nominated than there are seats to be filled, the Returning Officer shall

publicly declare that an election of the candidates will be held on the day appointed therefor and shall assign a symbol to each candidate.

(11) The Returning Officer shall, at the close of the nominations, forward a report under his hand of the result of the nominations to the General Secretary.

(12) At every election of a Committee, voting shall be by ballot.

(13) Every Returning Officer and every Presiding Officer shall ensure that the polling station or head polling station or sub-polling station in his district or subdivision thereof, as the case may be is sufficiently provided with doors, barriers, tables, chairs, a ballot box and such other conveniences as may be necessary for the holding of the election therein.

(14) On the day appointed for the election, the Returning Officer shall attend at the polling station or head polling station in his district, and, if the district has been subdivided as aforesaid, every Presiding Officer shall attend at the sub-polling station in his sub-division, from the hour of seven in the forenoon to the hour of six in the afternoon.

(15) At an election of a Committee, every registered member of the District Association shall be entitled to one vote for every seat to be filled. A person shall not be deemed a registered member of a District Association for the purpose of this paragraph if his registration fee for any year has not been paid.

(16) Upon producing his membership card between the hours aforesaid on the day appointed for the election at the polling station, or head polling station, or sub-polling station, in the district or subdivision thereof in which he is a rice producer, as the case may be, a member of the District Association who is entitled to vote at the election shall be given a ballot paper showing the names and symbols of the candidates by the Returning or Presiding Officer.

(17) Upon being given a ballot paper as aforesaid, the member shall delete the names of all candidates other than those for whom he wishes to vote.

(18) If any member is incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause or by illiteracy from voting in the manner specified in the preceding paragraph, the Returning or Presiding Officer who gave him the ballot paper shall, at the request of the member mark such ballot paper in the manner directed by him.

(19) Every ballot paper marked in accordance with paragraph (17) or (18) of this regulation at any polling, head polling, or sub-polling station shall be placed in the ballot box at such station in the presence of the Returning or Presiding Officer attending there.

(20) When a member has voted, the Returning or Presiding Officer who gave him the ballot paper shall cross the member's name off the list of those entitled to vote at the station where he has voted.

(21) At the hour of six in the afternoon on the day appointed for an election of a Committee, voting shall cease at every polling, head polling or sub-polling station in the district and the Returning Officer shall record the number of votes given for each candidate at the station where such Officer is attending and, if the district has been subdivided as aforesaid, each Presiding Officer shall record the number of votes given at his sub-polling station for each candidate, seal the ballot box at the sub-polling



station, and forthwith take the same, together with such record and the list of persons entitled to vote at the sub-polling station, to the Returning Officer at the head polling station in the district.

(22) After recording the number of votes in accordance with the preceding paragraph and receiving the records made in accordance therewith by the Presiding Officers (if any) in the district, the Returning Officer shall publicly declare the seven candidates who have received the highest number of votes, to be elected as members of the Committee.

(23) Whenever there is an equality of votes between candidates qualifying for any seat at an election of members of a Committee the candidate who was first in order of nomination shall be declared elected to that seat.

(24) The decision of the Returning Officer as to any question arising in respect of any ballot paper shall be final.

(25) After declaring the results of the election, the Returning Officer shall forward a statement of the candidates elected, and return all lists of persons entitled to vote in the district, to the General Secretary who shall forward such statement to the Minister.

(26) The members of every Committee shall, as hereinafter provided, elect out of their number a Chairman, and a Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing term.

(27) The General Secretary shall within fourteen days of the election of a Committee summon a meeting of the members thereof for the purpose of electing a Chairman, and a Vice Chairman; and not less than three days notice of the meeting shall be given in writing

(28) The General Secretary, or a person deputed by him, shall preside at the meeting and he shall, with such assistance as he may deem necessary preside over and conduct the election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman."

5. The Principal Regulations are hereby amended by the substitution for the word "ELECTORS" in the title after regulation 5 of the words "MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL".

6. Regulations 6 and 7 of the Principal Regulations are hereby revoked and the following regulations substituted therefor —

6. Each Committee shall, on or before the 15th May in the year in which it is elected, appoint one of its members to be a member of the Council and shall forthwith report to the General Secretary the name and address of the person so appointed.

7. The persons appointed by the several Committees in any year to be members of the Council shall proceed to the place of meeting fixed in accordance with these regulations and elect four other members of the Council in the manner hereinafter provided."

7 Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations is hereby revoked.

8. Regulation 9 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended —

(a) by the deletion of paragraph (1) and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph —

"(1) The persons appointed as aforesaid, in this regulation referred to as electors, shall, before the 31st May in the year in which

"Appointment of members of Council.

Duty of persons appointed members of the Council.

they were appointed, meet at some convenient time and place named by the Council for the purpose of electing four other members of the Council for the ensuing term.”;

- (b) by the deletion of the words occurring after the word “Council.” in paragraph (3);
- (c) by the deletion of paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) and the substitution therefor of the following paragraphs —

“(4) At the meeting at least four persons shall be nominated and seconded by electors as fit and proper persons to be members of the Council.

(5) If only four persons are nominated and seconded, the General Secretary shall declare them duly elected members of the Council, but if more than four persons are nominated and seconded, the names of such persons shall be listed and every elector present at the meeting shall be supplied with a ballot paper showing a true copy of such list.

(6) A meeting of electors may be adjourned for not longer than twelve hours in order to allow the preparation of ballot papers.”;

- (d) by the substitution for the words “rice producers of each class as indicated in sub-regulation (4) hereof” in paragraph (9) of the word “persons”;
- (e) by the substitution for the words “rice producers” in paragraph (10) of the word “persons”;
- (f) by the deletion of paragraph (11);
- (g) by the deletion of the words occurring after the word “Junior” in paragraph (12); and
- (h) by renumbering paragraph (12) as paragraph (11).

9. Regulation 10 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended —

- (a) by the insertion after the word “Council” in the marginal note of the words “and the Executive Committee”; and
- (b) by the addition of the following paragraph —

“(3) At any meeting of the Executive Committee the President, or a Vice-President, or two other members thereof shall form a quorum.”

10. Regulation 11 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended —

- (a) by the insertion after the words “of the Council” in paragraph (1) of the words “or for the purpose of complying with a requisition made under sub-section (4) of section 5A of the Ordinance”; and
- (b) by the substitution for the word “sub-regulation” in paragraph (2) of the word “Paragraph” and by the insertion after the word “regulation” in paragraph (2) of the words “or subsection (4) of section 5A of the Ordinance”.

11. Regulation 12 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion after the word “Council”, wherever it occurs, of the words “or the Executive Committee”.

12. Paragraph (2) of regulation 14 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for the word “sub-regulation” of the word “paragraph”.

13. Regulation 16 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion after the word "meeting" of the words "of the Council or the Committee".

14. Regulations 17 and 18 of the Principal Regulations are hereby amended by the insertion after the word "Council", wherever it occurs, of the words "or the Executive Committee".

15. Regulation 19 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended —

- (a) by the insertion after the word "Council" in paragraph (a) of the words "or the Executive Committee";
- (b) by the insertion after the words "by the Council" in paragraph (c) of the words "or the Executive Committee";
- (c) by the insertion after the words "as the Council" in paragraph (d) of the words "or the Executive Committee";
- (d) by the substitution for the word "Chief" in paragraph (e) of the word "Financial"; and
- (e) by the insertion after the word "Council" in paragraph (f) of the words "and the Executive Committee".

16. The Principal Regulations are hereby amended by the substitution for the word "SECRETARY" in the title after regulation 19 of the words "FIELD REPRESENTATIVE".

17. Regulation 20 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "Every Secretary" of the words "Every Field Representative".

18. Regulation 25 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for the word "twenty-four" of the word "twenty-five".

19. Regulation 26 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion after the word "Council", wherever it occurs, of the words "or the Executive Committee".

20. Regulation 28 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the deletion of the word "said" wherever it occurs.

21. Regulation 29 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion after the word "Council" of the words "or the Executive Committee".

22. The Principal Regulations are hereby amended by the substitution for the words "the Secretary" wherever they occur, of the words "the Field Representative".

Made in Council this 30th day of March, 1960.

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