

Health Services

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**HEALTH SERVICES (BAKERIES)
REGULATIONS, 1970**

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Made by the Minister under section 10 of the Health Services Act. Cap. 44.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Bakeries) Regulations, 1970.

2. For the purposes of these regulations—

“bakery” means any room, building or place in which bread is baked, manufactured or prepared for sale;

“bread” includes biscuits, cakes, confectionery, pastry or other similar product.

3. No person shall on behalf of himself or of any other person operate a bakery unless he has first been granted a licence by a Medical Officer of Health.

4. (1) Every application for a licence or for renewal of a licence shall be in writing in such form as the Chief Medical Officer may direct, and shall be lodged in the office of the Medical Officer of Health for the area in which the bakery is or is to be situated.

(2) Every application made under paragraph (1) shall set out the name and address of the owner or operator of the bakery, the address of the place used or intended to be used as a bakery, and the number of persons to be employed therein.

(3) A Medical Officer of Health may—

(a) grant the application unconditionally; or

(b) grant the application subject to such conditions as may be appropriate; or

(c) refuse the application.

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5. A Medical Officer of Health may at any time cancel or suspend the licence upon being satisfied that—

- (a) a breach of these regulations has been committed; or
- (b) the continuation of the licence is detrimental to the public health.

6. (1) Whenever a Medical Officer of Health approves an application, he shall issue to the applicant a licence in such form as may be prescribed by the Chief Medical Officer.

(2) Every licence shall—

- (i) bear the date of issue;
- (ii) state the number of persons that may be employed in the bakery;
- (iii) specify the premises in which the bakery is being carried on;
- (iv) be valid, unless cancelled or suspended, until the 31st day of December next after the date of issue;
- (v) not be transferable from the licensee to any other person.

(3) A licence shall be valid only in respect of the premises specified therein.

7. (1) Each Medical Officer of Health shall keep a register of all bakeries in his area.

(2) In respect of each bakery, the register shall contain—

- (i) the name and address thereof;
- (ii) the name and address of the owner or operator thereof;
- (iii) the number of persons that may be employed therein;
- (iv) the date of issue of the licence.

8. (1) When a person to whom a licence has been issued ceases to operate the building or place to which the licence relates as a bakery, he shall within seven days of so doing give notice thereof to the appropriate Medical Officer of Health and at the same time deliver to him the licence.

(2) Whenever a licence has been cancelled or suspended, the

person to whom the licence was issued shall immediately deliver up the licence to the appropriate Medical Officer of Health.

9. The inside walls of the rooms of a bakery and the ceiling or tops of such rooms, whether such walls, ceilings, or tops be plastered or not, and all passages and staircases of such bakery, shall be painted, varnished, or limewashed; and the paint or varnish shall be renewed once at least in every five years and shall be washed with water and soap once at least in every six months; when limewashed, the limewashing shall be renewed every six months.

10. No person shall use or operate any room, building, or place as a bakery unless the following requirements are complied with—

- (a) no sanitary convenience, toilet or privy shall communicate directly with the bakery;
- (b) no garbage can or dust bin shall be kept within the bakery;
- (c) any cistern or pipe for supplying water to the bakery shall be separate and distinct from any cistern or pipe for supplying water direct to any sanitary convenience, toilet or privy;
- (d) no drain or pipe for carrying off faecal matter or sewage shall have an opening within the bakery;
- (e) every bakery shall be efficiently lighted and ventilated to the satisfaction of the appropriate Medical Officer of Health;
- (f) every work-room in the bakery shall have an impervious floor and all floors shall be constructed so as to be damp-proof, and shall at all times be kept in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the appropriate Medical Officer of Health;
- (g) all tables, utensils, dishes, pans, troughs, cloths, towels and machinery used in the bakery shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the appropriate Medical Officer of Health;
- (h) no bakery shall be used as a sleeping place or living room;

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- (i) no room or place in the same building and immediately adjacent to a bakery shall be used as a sleeping place or living room unless such place or room is separated from the bakery by a partition of wood, masonry or other substantial material extending from floor to ceiling and unless such place or room is adequately ventilated to the satisfaction of the appropriate Medical Officer of Health;
- (j) no cat, dog, bird or other animal shall be permitted to enter a bakery.

11. (1) No person shall be employed in a bakery unless he has a certificate of health issued by a registered medical practitioner to the effect that he is not suffering from tuberculosis or other infectious or contagious disease.

(2) Any certificate issued in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be valid until the 31st day of December next after the date of issue; such certificate shall be kept at the bakery and shall be at all times available for inspection by any authorised officer of the Ministry of Health.

12. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 11 (1), if a Medical Officer of Health or a Public Health Inspector has reason to believe that any person employed in a bakery is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease he may require such person to submit to a medical examination by a Medical Officer of Health who shall issue a certificate of health stating whether the person is fit or unfit to be employed in a bakery; and if the person refuses to submit to such examination, or if the certificate states that the person is unfit, the person shall cease to work forthwith.

(2) A person who has ceased work under the provisions of this regulation shall not resume work unless he has obtained a certificate of good health from a Medical Officer of Health.

13. (1) No person shall sit or lie on any of the tables or shelves which are intended for use for the dough or baked articles.

(2) No person shall be allowed in any bakery in an unclean or dirty condition, and bakers and other persons preparing

bread shall be clad in white overall gowns and white caps or other suitable head covering.

(3) Before beginning work in a bakery and before preparing or mixing the ingredients, the persons engaged in the work shall wash their hands and arms thoroughly in clean water, and for this purpose sufficient wash basins together with soap, nail brushes and towels shall be provided.

14. (1) All flour and other materials as well as the finished products shall be put in perfectly dry and airy rooms so arranged that the shelves, floors and all other places for storing the same can be easily and perfectly cleaned and so that when stored no such flour, material or product shall be less than six inches from any floor or wall.

(2) Bread, pastry or confectionery shall not be placed on the floor.

(3) Cream, cream filling, fish, meat or any other fillings used for pies or pastries shall, until so used, be kept in a proper refrigerator or in a clean, well ventilated fly-proof room, store or enclosure at a temperature of not more than 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

15. Where any act or thing is by these regulations prohibited or prescribed, the duty of seeing that such prohibition or prescription is complied with shall, unless otherwise provided in these regulations, rest upon both the owner of the bakery and upon the person in charge thereof; and in the event of a breach of these regulations, either the owner or the person in charge, or both, shall be liable to be prosecuted.

16. A person who contravenes these regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or both, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding two hundred dollars for each day or part thereof during which the offence continues after a conviction is first obtained.

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