

BELIZE:

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PROHIBITION OF THE
OPEN-BURNING OF REFUSE AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLE
MATTER) REGULATIONS, 2020**

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

NO. OF 2020

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for the environment in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 45(2)(p) of the Environmental Protection Act, Chapter 328 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted , 2020)

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PROHIBITION OF THE OPEN-BURNING OF REFUSE AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLE MATTER) REGULATIONS, 2020.**

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations—

“combustible matter” includes—

- (a) bush;
- (b) milpa;
- (c) agricultural field;
- (d) pasture;
- (e) grass; or
- (f) vegetation;

“open-burning” means the burning of refuse or combustible matter in such a manner that the products of combustion are emitted directly to the outside atmosphere;

“period of public emergency” means the period stated in the Proclamation issued by the Governor-General and during which the Proclamation remains in force and effect; S.I. 45 of 2020.

“Proclamation” means the Proclamation made by the Governor-General under section 18 of the Belize Constitution declaring that a state of public emergency exists in the entire country of Belize; S.I. 45 of 2020. CAP. 4.

“products of combustion” means all particulate and gaseous air contaminants emitted as a result of the burning of refuse or combustible matter; and

“refuse” means any household or yard waste.

3.-(1) During the period of public emergency, no person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit open-burning of any refuse or combustible matter on any private or public land. Prohibition of open burning

(2) A person that contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.

4. Notwithstanding regulation 3, the open-burning of sugar cane fields prior to the harvesting of sugar cane is not prohibited. Open-burning of sugar cane fields.

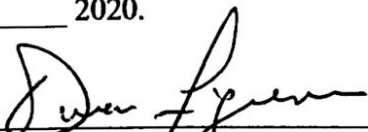
5.-(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, every member of the Police Department is a designated officer under the Act. Designated officers and enforcement.

(2) It shall be the duty of every member of the Police Department to enforce, using force if necessary, compliance with these Regulations, and for such purpose any member of the Police Department may, without a warrant—

(a) enter any land; or

(b) arrest any person who contravenes or is suspected on reasonable grounds of contravening these Regulations.

MADE by the Minister responsible for environment this 20th day of April 2020.



Hon. Omar Figueroa
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and Sustainable Development
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