

**REGULATION No. (25) OF 1967
PRESERVATION OF RIVERS AND
PUBLIC WATERS FROM POLLUTION**

In the Name of the People,

The Presidency of the Republic,

In accordance with Article (2) of the
Public Health Law No. (45) of 1958, pursuant
to the proposal of the Minister of Health and

30.7.1975

meanings shown thereagainst:-

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2. **Place** — The Public or private place or the factory, the administration or any other national or governmental establishment.

Article 2

The following shall be considered as public waters for applying the provisions of this Regulation :

1. All rivers and their tributaries.
2. Streams, brooks, channels and their main or subordinate branches.
3. Drainage channels and their main and subordinate branches.
4. Lakes, marshes, pools and swamps.
5. Springs, wells and other underground water.
6. Basins and other water reservoirs.

Article 3

Waste waters are not permissible to be drained from the place to the public waters unless by a licence and under special instructions issued by the Health Authority.

Article 4

Application for licence shall be submitted through a special form issued by the Health Authority with two copies of the location's map and the plan of the process of draining the waste water from the place, and the Health Authority shall consider the application within (60) days as from the date of submitting it.

Article 5

The Health Authority may define the quantity of waste water which may be drained into the public waters within the limits provided for in the instructions issued by it.

Article 6

The place's owner shall be subject to the instructions and orders issued therefor.

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2. If it contains harmful amounts of hydrogen sulfide or toxic substance or it contains harmful microbes or substance which may produce toxic substance when interacting with chemical elements which may exist in the public waters.
3. If the ionic concentration of the hydrogen is less than (6) or more than (10).
4. If its temperature affect the waters into which they are drained.
5. Any other case defined by the Health Authority under instructions issued by it.

Article 8

1. If it is shown from analysis that the proportions of pollution in the waste waters contravene the proportions provided for in Article (7) of this Regulation, the place's owner shall, within (3) months as from the date of the registered notification is forwarded to him by the Health Authority, proceed on establishing refinement centres approved by the cited authority, provided that such centres shall be established and operated in a duration not exceeding twelve months as from the date of the Health Authority's approval and the owner of the place or factory should follow the instructions issued by the Health Authority for reducing the harms during the establishment of the refinement centres.
2. If the place's owner shall not apply the provisions of Para. (1) of this Article, the Health Authority is entitled to cease the draining of the waste waters from his place.

Article 9

If the Health Authority deems that the waste drained by the place in the channels of public waters forms threat to the public health, they should notify the owner of the licensed place or the responsible person through a registered letter and ask him to stop draining it until the provision of Articles (7 & 8) of the this Regulation shall be applied and the instructions and orders issued accordingly shall be executed.

with the approval of the Council of Ministers, do hereby order the promulgation of the following Regulation :-

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Article 11

Animals, leather, intestines, wool, polluted clothes or any substance which produce harm to public health may not be washed in public waters. Pissing and relieving nature in such public waters or on their banks is impermissible.

Article (12)

The Health Authority shall have the right to refrain from granting licence of draining the waste water into the public waters at the areas close to the locations of drinking water pumping, or close to the public swimming pools, places of fish breeding, or any location assigned by it, if such draining is harmful to the public health.

Article (13)

The Health Authority shall have the right at any time, to ascertain the application of the provisions of this Regulation and the instructions issued accordingly.

Article (14)

Reports of analysis issued by laboratories or institutes defined by the Health Authority according to instructions shall be deemed as reliable for implementing the provisions of this Regulation.

Article (15)

Whoever contravenes the provisions of this Regulation, the notifications or instructions issued accordingly shall be punished in accordance with Article (11) of the Public Health Law No. (45) of 1958.

Article (16)

The Minister of Health may issue instructions and notifications for facilitating the execution of this Regulation and appraise the amount of waste water and the places of their analysis.

Article (17)

The provisions concerning of rivers and public waters from pollution shall be deleted from Nuisance Regulations for Street Cleansing the Removal of Refuse, the Abatement of Nuisance and Prevention of Pollution of Rivers No. 4 of 1935.

Article (18)

This Regulation shall come into force as from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and its provisions shall be effective on the places established before its promulgation after a duration of (18) months as from the date of its execution.

Article (19)

The Ministers are charged with the execution of this Regulation.

Made at Baghdad 8th day of Rabi' al-Thani of 1387 and the 16th day of July, 1967.

The Presidential Council in Deputation

Member, Member,

Member,

(The Ministers).

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