

THE SUPPLIES CONTROL ACT 1974

Regulations made by the Minister under section 5 of the Supplies Control Act 1974

1. These regulations may be cited as the Commodities (Registration of Traders) Regulations 1978.

2. In these regulations –

“Authorised officer” means any public officer designated by the Minister;

“Certificate of Registration” means a certificate issued by the Minister under regulation 4;

“Commodity” means a commodity specified in the Schedule to these regulations;

“Trade” means the production, manufacture, keeping, storage, distribution, sale, transfer, export, import, use or other dealing in a commodity;

“Trader”, in respect of a commodity –

(a) means any person engaged in the trade of any commodity; and

(b) includes any person who as agent, employee or otherwise assists any such person specified in paragraph (a);

3. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), no trader shall deal in a commodity unless he holds a Certificate of Registration.

(2) Any existing trader of a commodity shall, within 30 days of the coming into force of these regulations apply for a Certificate of Registration.

(3) Where a trader is employed by a corporate body, societe civile or partnership, which is required to have a Certificate of Registration under these regulations, he shall not require a Certificate of Registration whilst being so employed.

4. (1) Every trader wishing to be issued a Certificate of Registration shall make a written application to the Minister and submit –

(a) particulars of –

- (i) the private address of the applicant;
- (ii) the trading name of the business;
- (iii) the trade premises;
- (iv) the nature of the business carried on generally;
- (v) the name of any person who as employee assists the applicant;

- (b) proof of registration under the Licences Ordinance wherever applicable;
- (c) such additional information as the Minister may require.

(2) Upon receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Minister may grant a Certificate of Registration subject to such conditions he thinks fit to impose.

(3) The Minister may revoke any Certificate of Registration for breach of any condition attached to it in addition to any other penalty that may be provided in any enactment.

(4) Every Certificate of Registration, unless previously revoked, shall –

- (a) be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue;
- (b) be renewable for further periods of one year.

(5) An application for the renewal of a Certificate of Registration shall -

- (a) be made at least 15 days before its date of expiry;
- (b) be made and treated as a fresh application under paragraph (1).

(6) Every Certificate of Registration shall -

- (a) be kept by the trader on his trade premises, or, where he has no premises, in his possession whilst exercising his trade;
- (b) be produced on demand to an authorised officer.

5. These regulations shall come into operation on the 15th June 1978.

Made by the Minister on the 13th June 1978

SCHEDULE

Fresh fruits
Vegetables
Fresh fish