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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

SECTION 16

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Certificate necessary as to freedom from infectious disease.

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- 1.** (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Bake-House) Regulations application.

(2) These regulations shall apply to the whole of Seychelles.

2. Every bake-house shall be kept in a clean state, and free from effluvia arising from any drain, latrine, or other nuisance.

The floors shall be carefully scraped and swept at least once every twenty-four hours, and the sweepings shall be immediately placed in an impermeable covered receptacle and removed from the bake-house at no longer intervals than every twenty-four hours.

3. The building shall be properly constructed, to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health, shall be efficiently lighted, and shall be ventilated so as to render harmless all gases and dust, and shall not be overcrowded while work is carried on therein.

4. Every bake-house shall be used solely for the purpose of the trade, and a separate room shall be provided for the storing of flour and bread.

The flour, bread, cakes, and biscuits so stored, to be efficiently protected from contamination by vermin, flies and insects.

5. All the inside walls of the rooms of the bake-house, and all the ceilings or tops of such rooms, and all passages and staircases of the bakery shall either be painted with oil, or varnished, or limewashed. When painted with oil or varnished the paint or varnish shall be renewed once at least in every seven years, and shall be washed with hot water and soap once at least in every six months; when limewashed, the limewashing should be renewed once at least every six months, or when called upon to do so by the Sanitary Inspector.

6. The troughs and all utensils in the making of bread and pastry shall be kept scrupulously clean, in good repair and must be so built as to allow easy cleaning underneath. All tables and troughs shall be made of materials that are easily cleaned with water.

7. No building used as a bakery shall be used as a sleeping place.

8. No water-closet, earth-closet, privy, or ashpit shall be within, or communicate directly with, the bake-house. Further no urinal, latrine, cow-house, stable, or pig-sty shall be within close proximity to the bake-house.

9. Any cistern for supplying water to the bake-house shall be separate and distant from any cistern for supplying water to a water-closet, or for the purpose of washing clothes.

10. No drain or pipe for carrying off faecal or sewage matter shall have an opening in close proximity to the bake-house, and every sink, waste, or other pipe used for carrying off surface water within the bake-house shall be efficiently trapped and disconnected from any drain.

11. No animal shall be kept in the bake-house on any pretence whatever.

12. No person suffering, or who has recently suffered from any infectious or contagious disease shall be permitted to enter the bake-house, or take part in the manufacture or sale on the premises of bread, cakes, biscuits and confectionery.

13. The owner, occupier or person in charge of the bakery shall give immediate notice to the Medical Officer of Health, of any case of infectious or contagious disease occurring on the premises.

14. All water supplied to the bakery shall be pure, and free from pollution.

15. All bakers and workmen employed in the bake-house shall wear clean apparel and bakers whilst actually in the performance of their work shall cover their every day garments with a long apron of washable material.

16. The Medical Officer of Health, the Assistant Medical Officers, the Sanitary Inspector, or Assistant Sanitary Inspectors or any members of the police force duly authorised by the Health Officer, shall at any time day or night be entitled to enter and examine any bake-house, and to examine any baker or workman if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that he is suffering from an infectious or contagious disease. Further notice can be served on any owner or occupier of a bake-house to present himself or any of his workmen to the Medical Officer of Health for Medical examination, if there is a reasonable suspicion that they are suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.

17. (1) A bake-house is defined as any place duly licensed to manufacture for sale to the public-Bread, cakes, biscuits, confectionery, and includes the manufacture of moutailles and gateaux piment.

(2) Any person found guilty of opposing, molesting or interfering with the entry on or inspection of bake-houses or of non-compliance with the provisions of these regulations shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees and to imprisonment not exceeding one month. Further the court shall have power, in case of a second or subsequent offence, to remove the accused's licence.

(3) All offences under these regulations may be instituted and prosecuted by any sanitary officer, or any constable or officer of the police force.

18. (1) No owner, occupier or person in charge of a bake-house shall employ in such bake-house any person suffering from any contagious or infectious disease or shall permit any such person to work in such bake-house.

(2) No person shall employ himself or work in any bake-house unless he produces to the owner or occupier or person in charge of the bake-house a certificate from a Government medical officer that he is not suffering from any contagious or infectious disease.

* These Regulations consolidate the following Regulations -

Regulations for Bake Houses in Victoria (G.N. 159/1931); Regulations for Bake Houses in South Mahe (G.N. 149/1932); Regulations for Bake Houses in Praslin (G.N. 152/1932); Regulations for Bake Houses in La Digue (G.N. 162/1932); Regulations for Bake Houses in Central Mahe (G.N. 74/1933) and Regulations for Bake House in North Mahe (G.N. 140/1945).