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[SECTION 95 (k)]

PUBLIC HEALTH (MARKET) REGULATIONS*

G.N 47/1910.
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G.N. 75/1947.
G.N.292/1951.
SI. 25/1960
SI. 50/1962.
SI. 60/1966.
SI. 104/1975

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Citation.
2. Market hours.
3. Market to be closed till opening hour.
4. No meat or fish to be sold outside the market.
5. Licence to sell in market.
6. No fresh meat, turtle or fish to be sold elsewhere.
7. Unfit, tainted meat, etc., removed and destroyed.
8. Commodities exposed for sale to be sold to purchaser.
9. Articles sold to be removed.
10. Articles sold may not be resold within market.
11. Barrels, cases, etc., not to be kept in market.
12. Hawking prohibited.
13. Dogs.
14. Smoking.
15. Begging.
16. Disturbance
17. Sitting on stalls etc., prohibited.
18. Loitering inside market prohibited.
19. Lighting fires.
20. Damage to buildings.
21. Name of seller to be posted up.
22. Blocks to be provided by butchers.

23. Blown meat to be prohibited.
24. Cleaning of butchers' and fishmongers' stalls and other stalls.
25. Butchers to be clean.
26. Vessels for offal.
27. Scales and weights.
28. Penalties.
29. Sale of shark regulated.
30. Sale of dangerous fish prohibited.
31. Verification of weights.
32. Fees.

**These Regulations consolidate the La Digue, Victoria, Mont Fleuri, Les Mamelles, Praslin and South Mahe Market Regulations.*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Market) Regulations.
2. (1) The opening hour of a market on days other than Sundays and public holidays shall be-
 - (a) 5.00 a.m in La Digue
 - (b) 5.30 a.m in Les Mamelles, Mont Fleuri and Victoria.
 - (c) 6.00 a.m in Praslin; and
 - (d) 6.30 a.m in South Mahe
- (2) The closing hour of a market, on days other than Sundays and public holidays, shall be-
 - (a) 5.30 p.m in Les Mamelles, Mont Fleuri and Victoria; and
 - (b) 6.00 p.m in La Digue, Praslin and South Mahe.
- (3) On Sundays and public holidays market may be kept open-
 - (a) from 5.00 a.m to 8.00 a.m and from 3.00 p.m to 6.00 p.m in La Digue;
 - (b) from 5.30 a.m to 12.00 noon and from 1.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m in Les Mamelles, Mont Fleuri and Victoria;
 - (c) from 6.00 a.m to 9.00 p.m and from 3.00 p.m to 6.00 p.m in Praslin; and
 - (d) from 6.30 a.m to 9.30 am and from 3.00 p.m to 6.00 p.m in South Mahe.
- (4) A bell shall be rung 15 minutes before closing time and again at closing time when the gates shall be closed.

3. The market shall be cleaned at the end of every day and shall be closed and remain closed until the opening hours of the following morning.

4. No person who has not disposed of any fish or meat before the closing of the market for the day shall sell any such fish or meat outside the market.

5. No person shall sell any commodities in the market before having taken out a licence in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to licences.

6. (1) No fresh meat, fish or turtle shall be sold or exposed for sale within the limits prescribed in subregulation (2) in any place other than the market.

(2) The limits prescribed for the purposes of subregulation (1) are -

- (a) An area bounded by the reef on the North, boundary line separating Miss Edoxie Vidot's property from the property of Heirs Kanabady up to the mountain range on the East, mountain range on the south and from the Cross near Union Junction following the track up to the main road and from there following the boundary line separating Mr Hossen's property from Mr. Payet's property until it reaches the mountain range on the West, in La Passe, La Digue.
- (b) An area between Point Cabris at one end and the boundary between the Cotes D'Or Estate and that of Mr. James Sullivan at the other end, in Baie Ste Anne, Praslin.
- (c) An area bounded by Grosse Roche on the South East, by by Pont Bacar on the West, by the mountain side on the North and the reef on the South, in Grand Anse, Praslin.
- (d) An area bounded by a straight line drawn from Mr. Joseph Jumeau's bridge to the Junction of the Sweet-Escott Cannelles Road and from there to the bridge forming the boundary between Heirs F. Hoareau and Mr. F. Dingwall and on the third side by the sea, in South Mahe.

(3) No fresh meat, fish or turtle shall be sold or exposed for sale in Les Mamelles, Mont Fleuri and Victoria in any place other than the market.

7. No meat, fish or other foodstuff shall be sold or exposed for sale which, in the opinion of the market keeper, is unfit for human consumption or is adulterated or tainted. Any such meat, fish or other foodstuff which is unfit for human consumption, or which becomes unfit for human consumption whilst exposed for sale, or is adulterated or tainted shall be removed forthwith and destroyed by the market keeper.

8. (1) Any commodities brought for sale to the market shall be exposed for sale in places assigned for the same.

(2) All commodities so exposed shall be sold to any intending purchaser who is willing to pay the current market price of such commodities.

9. (1) All articles sold, including fish, meat, vegetables, etc., shall not be exposed in the vendors' stalls, but shall be at once removed.

(2) In the case of butchers' meat, all portions previously sold shall be marked "sold" and put aside until it may be convenient for the purchaser to remove them, provided that such removal shall take place on the day of the sale.

- 10.** All articles sold in the market shall not be resold within the precincts of the market.
- 11.** No barrel, basket, case, bag or other similar receptacle shall be kept in the interior of the market, except when used to contain grain, seed or other similar article.
- 12.** No person shall hawk or sell by auction any commodity within the market premises.
- (2) No person other than the market keeper, the sanitary inspectors and the vendors shall enter the enclosure reserved for vendors within the market.
- 13.** No person shall introduce any dog within the market premises.
- 14.** No person shall smoke within the market premises.
- 15.** No person shall beg within the market premises.
- 16.** No person shall cause any disturbance in the market in any way whatsoever or use any foul, abusive or unbecoming language in the market.
- 17.** No person shall sit on or lean against any stall in the market or sing, whistle, shout or make any noise whatsoever in the market.
- 18.** No person shall loiter inside the market or at the gates thereof. Any such person may be ordered by the market keeper to leave the market.
- 19.** (1) Stall-holders, who may require to light a fire in the market for the purpose of their trade, shall first obtain permission from the market keeper.
- (2) Such fire shall be contained in a proper iron stove or chafingdish, and the stall-holder shall not leave the market without extinguishing the same.
- 20.** Any person causing damage to the building and dependencies of the market shall be liable to prosecution, and besides the fine that may be imposed on him under regulation 28, shall be liable to pay the cost of the damage, the amount of which shall be estimated by the market keeper and, in Victoria, Les Mamelles and Mont Fleuri, by the Public Works Manager.
- 21.** The name and licence number of every butcher, baker, fish-monger, or other licensed and authorised sellers shall be posted up in some conspicuous part of his stall painted in white letters three inches in height and on a black ground and each stall shall be, in La Digue, Praslin and South Mahe, be two feet long, except stalls for sellers of meat which shall be three feet long.
- 22.** Every butcher shall provide, at his own expene, a block whereon to cut his meat. No meat shall be cut except on such block. All butcher's meat shall be exposed for sale on a clean white cloth which shall be renewed daily and covered with clean white gauze so as to prevent flies having access to the meat.
- 23.** No person shall sell any blown meat.
- 24.** (1) Every butcher and fishmonger shall be bound to have his stall, inside and outside, and his block, washed and cleaned every day to the satisfaction of the market keeper.
- (2) Every other stall holder shall clean to the satisfaction of the market keeper his stall before leaving the market every day.
- 25.** All butchers shall be cleanly dressed and wear a clean white apron or overall.

26. Every fishmonger cutting up or cleansing fish in the market shall have a vessel placed close to his stall wherein to put the offal. Before vacating his stall, he shall dispose of the offal in such a manner as the market keeper directs.

27. (1) Every person selling by weight in the market whether for his own or another party's account shall provide his own scales and weights. Such scales shall be suspended in such manner that when evenly balanced they shall be at least one inch above the table or stall.

(2) The scale shall be kept clean and in proper order and the scale dishes shall be of tin or tinned copper.

28. Any person contravening any of the provisions of these regulations shall for any such offence for which no special penalty is provided be liable on prosecution before the competent court by the market keeper or any member of the police force to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.

29. Shark shall not be sold within the market unless it is exposed for sale apart from other kinds of fish and shall have been previously cleaned and gutted before entering the market.

30. (1) The following fish known to be dangerous shall not be admitted into the market:-

1. the suisila;
2. the otter wrasse;
3. the wrasse, alias black crab;
4. the large tartara;
5. the crab with red spots;
6. the sea urchin;
7. the hawksbill turtle;
8. the laf;
9. the boule tanguie;
10. the cheval-de-bois;
11. the chemise;
12. the flat wrasse, alias bambara;
13. the remora or sharks pilot.

(2) If any such fish is introduced within the market they shall be seized and destroyed and the retailer in whose possession they shall be found shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.

31. The standard scales, weights and measures shall be deposited at the market keeper office or at the respective police stations and it shall be lawful for any buyer to request the market keeper to verify the weight of his goods and if the said weight shall not be found correct the seller shall be bound to make up the difference, and shall be liable to a fine provided for in regulation 28.

32. (1) The following market fees shall be levied by the market keeper on every carcass of an animal sold within the market -

(a)	in La Digue	Rs. Cts.
(i)	bullock	1.00
(ii)	heifer, cow, calf, turtle, pig, sheep or goat	.50
(iii)	goose and turkey	.25
(iv)	sucking pig	.05
(b)	in Praslin	
(i)	bullock	2.00
(ii)	heifer, cow, calf	1.00
(iii)	pig or turtle	1.00
(c)	in South Mahe.	
(i)	bullock	2.00
(ii)	heifer, cow or calf	1.00
(iii)	pig, goat, sheep or turtle	1.00

(2) The following market fees shall be levied by the market keeper from each stall holder in a market in La Digue on each of the following items-

(a)	furniture (for every six months)	Rs.2.00
(b)	charcoal and firewood	Rs.1.00
(c)	infused tea and coffee (for six calendar months)	Rs.1.00

(3) Every butcher wishing to sell the meat of any animal in a market at victoria shall pay a fee of fifty cents for the use of each stall for a period of two consecutive daylight periods of twelve hours.