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(Section 65)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Bakehouses Regulations.
2. In these Regulations:
 - “bakehouse” means any place where bread is baked, made or prepared for purpose of sale;
 - “bread” includes buns, cakes, pastry and confectionery;
 - “employed” as applied to any person includes any person working in a bakehouse, whether he receives wages or not;
 - “occupier” includes any person in possession.
3. (1) Every person who is using or who intends to use any place as a bakehouse shall make application in writing to the Medical Officer of Health for the district, setting out his full name and a correct description of the premises so used or intended to be used, and, if such Medical Officer of Health is satisfied that the premises specified in the application are fit for use as a bakehouse under the Act and are provided with an adequate water supply he shall issue to the applicant a certificate to that effect. Any certificate issued under this regulation shall be renewable annually on the first day of January of each year;
Provided that a Medical Officer of Health shall not grant a certificate of renewal unless he is satisfied that the premises are fit for use as a bakehouse.
- (2) The particulars of each application and certificate shall be entered in a book to be kept by the Medical Officer of Health and to be called “The Bakehouse Register.”

(3) Any person who shall use any place as a bakehouse without having first obtained a certificate as hereinbefore provided, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars and, in default of payment, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding one month.

4. (1) No person shall be employed in a bakehouse unless he is registered in the manner hereinafter provided.

(2) The Medical Officer of Health of each district shall keep a register known as the Bakehouse Employees Register wherein shall be registered all persons employed in bakehouses.

(3) No person shall be registered unless he shall first produce a medical certificate signed by a Government medical officer or registered medical practitioner to the effect that he is physically fit to be employed in a bakehouse.

(4) Such medical certificate shall bear a date not more than three days earlier than the date of its production by the person to whom it relates.

(5) Every person employed in a bakehouse shall after an interval not exceeding three months from the date of the certificate which he shall have last produced, produce to the Medical Officer of Health a further certificate in the same form as that required by paragraph (3) of this regulation bearing date not more than three days earlier than that of its production.

(6) The Medical Officer of Health shall cause to be removed forthwith from the Bakehouse Employees Register the name of any person who shall not within the preceding three months have produced the required medical certificate.

(7) The occupier of any bakehouse shall exhibit in a prominent position in such bakehouse a statement showing the names, addresses and date of registration of all persons employed therein and if he fails to state or states incorrectly any matter required to be stated therein he shall be guilty of an offence under this regulation.

(8) Every person who is employed or employs or causes any other person to be employed in a bakehouse without being registered or without obtaining the proper medical certificates shall be guilty of an offence under this regulation.

(9) Any person guilty of an offence under this regulation shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

5. (1) The inside walls of the rooms of a bakehouse and the ceilings or tops of those rooms, whether the walls, ceiling or tops be plastered or not, and all passages and staircases of a bakehouse, shall either be painted with oil or varnish or be limewashed; when painted with oil or varnish or limewashed, the paint or varnish or limewash shall be renewed as often and in such manner as may be required by the Medical Officer of Health.

(2) The floors of a bakehouse shall be constructed of wood, concrete, or masonry, or of such other material as the Senior Health Officer may approve.

(3) The occupier of any bakehouse who fails to keep the same in conformity with this regulation shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

6. (1) It shall not be lawful to occupy as a bakehouse or to let or permit to be occupied as a bakehouse any room or place unless structural the following requirements are fulfilled:

(a) No privy, urinal, stables, pig-sty, fowl pen, ashpit or dustbin shall be within or communicate directly with the bakehouse.

(b) Any cistern or pipe for supplying water to a bakehouse shall be separate and distinct from any cistern or pipe for supplying water to a privy.

(c) No drain for carrying off faecal matter or sewage shall have an opening within the bakehouse.

(d) Every bakehouse shall be provided with proper means for effectual ventilation and be provided with an adequate water supply to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

(2) Any person who lets or permits to be occupied or who occupies any room or place as a bakehouse in contravention of this regulation shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars and to a further fine not exceeding one dollar for every day during which such room or place is so occupied after a conviction under this regulation.

7. (1) Where a magistrate is satisfied on prosecution by a health officer that any room or place used as a bakehouse is in such a state as to be, on sanitary grounds, unfit for use or occupation as a bakehouse, the occupier of the bakehouse shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars and on a second and subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

(2) The magistrate in addition to or instead of inflicting the fine, may order means to be adopted by the occupier, within the time named in the order, for the purpose of removing the ground of complaint.

(3) The magistrate may on application enlarge the time so named; but if, after the expiration of the time so originally named or enlarged by subsequent order, the order is not obeyed, the occupier shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five dollars for every day on which the order has not been obeyed.

8. (1) No room or place on the same level with or above or below the bakehouse and forming part of the same building shall be used as a sleeping place unless it is effectually separated from the bakehouse by a dust proof partition, floor or ceiling, as the case may be, and unless there be an external window of at least nine superficial feet in area, made to open for ventilation.

(2) Any person who lets or occupies, or knowingly suffers to be occupied, any room or place contrary to this regulation shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five dollars for the first offence and twenty-five dollars for any subsequent offence.

9. (1) No person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease shall be employed in a bakehouse.

(2) If any person is employed in contravention of this regulation, the owner of the bakehouse in which he is employed shall be liable on summary

conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for the first offence and one hundred dollars for any subsequent offence.

(3) The Medical Officer of Health may require any person employed in a bakehouse to undergo a medical examination at any time and any such person who when so required refuses or fails within a reasonable time to undergo such examination shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

10. No person not being a registered employee or a person in performance of some legal duty shall be or remain in a bakehouse during such time as there is therein any dough or bread and any person contravening this regulation and the occupier of the bake house shall each be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for the first offence and one hundred dollars for any subsequent offence.

11. (1) A health officer, or any other officer duly appointed under the Public Health Act shall have power to do all or any of the following things, namely:

(a) to enter, inspect and examine at all reasonable times by day or night any bakehouse;

(b) to take with him a police constable into a bakehouse in which he has reasonable cause to apprehend any obstruction in the execution of his duty;

(c) to make such examination and inquiry as may be necessary to ascertain whether the enactments for the time being in force relating to public health are complied with in respect of any bakehouse and the persons employed therein.

(2) The occupier of any bakehouse, and his agents and servants, shall furnish the means required by a health officer, or other officer as aforesaid, which may be necessary for an entry, inspection, examination and inquiry in relation to that bakehouse.

(3) Every person who wilfully delays a health officer or other officer in the exercise of any power under this regulation or who fails to comply with the orders of a health officer, or other officer as aforesaid, in pursuance of this regulation shall be deemed to obstruct such officer in the execution of his duties under the Public Health Act.

12. (1) Where any premises in respect of which a certificate has been issued under regulation 3 of these Regulations are no longer used as a bakehouse the occupier of such premises shall, within seven days of the day on which the premises were last used as a bakehouse, give notice in writing to the Medical Officer of Health for the district that such premises have ceased to be used as a bakehouse.

(2) If the occupier fails to give the notice required by this regulation he shall be liable on summary conviction