

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 19 OF 1978

Emergency Food Fund Regulations 1978

In accordance with the powers vested in me by section 16 of the Finance Act 1973, I,

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Minister of Finance hereby make the following regulations —

1. These regulations may be cited as the Emergency Food Fund Regulations 1978. Citation

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpretation

“emergency food” means such food as is made available specifically for emergency use;

“Minister” means the Prime Minister;

“Permanent Secretary” means the Senior Permanent Secretary.

3. (1) There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the Emergency Food Fund. The fund

(2) The Fund shall be administered by the Permanent Secretary.

4. The purpose of the Fund is to maintain the maximum possible stock of food, for use in an emergency, compatible with the finances available. Purpose of the fund

5. (1) There shall be paid into the fund

(a) receipts from the sale of food or other assets of the fund;

(b) such grants and donations as may be received from time to time;

(c) any moneys appropriated for the purpose of the fund;

Receipts into the fund

(2) Receipts of food in kind shall be taken on charge as stores and shall be costed in such a manner as may be agreed with the Accountant-General.

6. There shall be paid from the fund —

(a) the cost of purchasing or replenishing food stocks;

(b) costs in connection with storage;

(c) transport costs in connection with the food;

(d) payment to agents;

(e) such other expenses as may be approved by the Minister.

Disbursements from the fund

7. (1) The food stocks shall be managed in such a manner as to ensure that the quality of the food is preserved at all times. Management of food stocks

- Sale price 8. No food shall be sold for emergency purposes until the price has been agreed by Cabinet.
- Emergency issues 9. (1) No emergency issues shall be made except on the directions of the National Disaster Committee and after the Prime Minister has declared a national disaster in terms of the National Disaster Relief Fund Regulations 1977, established under regulation 3(1) of the National Disaster Relief Fund Regulations 1977.
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- (2) Emergency issues may be made:—
- (a) for cash;
- (b) on reimbursement from the National Disaster Relief Fund, or otherwise;
- (c) free, on the authority in writing of the Prime Minister.
- Accounts 10. (1) In terms of section 16(2) of the Finance Act 1973, the Accountant-General shall maintain a separate account entitled the Emergency Food Fund in which he shall record the receipts, disbursements and other transactions referred to in those regulations.
- (2) The Permanent Secretary shall maintain accounts in such manner as the Accountant-General shall direct in which all transactions relating to the fund shall be recorded.
- (3) In maintaining the accounts referred to in sub-regulation (2), the Permanent Secretary shall observe the provisions of financial regulations and other applicable laws and regulations governing the receipt, control and disbursement of public funds and stores.
- Annual accounts 11. (1) As soon as possible after the close of the financial year, but not later than three months thereafter, the Permanent Secretary shall submit to the Accountant-General accounts of the fund including:—
- (a) a stock account for the period of the financial year; and
- (b) a balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities of the fund at the close of the financial year.
- (2) A copy of the annual accounts shall be included as a supplementary statement to the annual account submitted by the Accountant-General to the Auditor-General, in accordance with section 27 of the Finance Act, 1973.
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- Other accounts 12. (1) As soon as possible after a national disaster has been declared and the transactions relating to it completed, the Permanent Secretary shall cause a set of accounts as required by regulation 11 to be prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Finance and the chairman of the National Disaster Committee.
- (2) The Permanent Secretary shall supply such other statements and returns, as may be required by the Permanent Secretary, Finance.

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Minister of Finance.