

**RODENT CONTROL AND DESTRUCTION RULES – SECTION 5**

*(Legal Notice 29 of 1988)*

**Short title**

1. These rules may be cited as the Rodent Control and Destruction Rules.

**Interpretation**

2. In these rules—

“**authorised Officer**” means the Senior Environmental Health Officer and such other persons as the Governor may from time to time appoint;

“**land**” includes any buildings and any other erection on land, and any cellar, drain or culvert in or under land;

“**occupier**” means, in the case of land not occupied by any tenant or other person, the owner of the land.

**Occupier to destroy rodents**

3. Every occupier of land shall take such steps as may from time to time be necessary and reasonably practicable for the destruction of rodents on or in any land of which he is the occupier, or for preventing such land from becoming infested with rodents.

**Occupier to report presence of rodents**

4. Every occupier of land in St. Helena who has reason to believe that rodents are present on his land shall report the fact to the authorised officer.

**Authorised officer may serve notice**

5. (1) Where an authorised officer is of the opinion that the occupier of any land has failed to take such steps as are required by rule 3 he may, with the prior approval of a Council Committee<sup>20</sup>, serve a notice on the occupier requiring him to take such steps as are prescribed in the notice, within a time specified therein.

(2) If an occupier fails to comply with the terms of a notice under this rule the authorised officer may, after not less than twenty-four hours previous notice to the occupier, enter upon the land and take such steps as are necessary and reasonably practicable for destroying the rodents on the land or of preventing the land from becoming infested with rodents, and may recover any reasonable expenses so incurred from the occupier of the land summarily as a civil debt.

**Power of entry**

6. An authorised officer or his representative may enter any land where he has reasonable cause for believing that rodents are present for the purpose of inspecting the land or of enforcing these rules in any respect.

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<sup>20</sup> *Public Health Committee* — see LN 4/1967

## **Offences**

7. Any person obstructing an authorised officer or his representative in the execution of his duties shall be guilty of an offence.

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