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(WHOLESALE MARKETING) REGULATIONS**

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*made under section 35*

Citation.      **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Central Marketing Agency (Wholesale Marketing) Regulations.

Interpretation.      **2.** In these Regulations—  
“the Agency” means the Central Marketing Agency established under section 3 of the Act;

Schedule.      “central wholesale market” or “wholesale market” means any place from time to time described in the Schedule;

“General Manager” means the person appointed as such under section 14 of the Act;

“porter” means a person who has been granted a licence by the Agency for the purpose of operating a hand-barrow in a wholesale market;

“scale-operator” means a person who has been granted a licence by the Agency for the purpose of operating a scale in a wholesale market;

“stall” includes any stand, table, shed or place allotted to a wholesaler in a wholesale market for the purpose of selling or offering or exposing for sale any agricultural produce;

“wholesaler” means a person who has been granted a licence by the Agency to sell agricultural produce by wholesale in a wholesale market.

Hours of opening and closing of wholesale market.      **3.** (1) The hours of opening and closing of a wholesale market shall be as from time to time determined by the Agency.

(2) No wholesale market shall be open for business on public holidays.

Licence required for sale of agricultural produce.      **4.** (1) No person shall sell agricultural produce in a wholesale market unless he is in possession of a licence issued in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) An application for a licence shall be made in the manner specified in these Regulations and must be accompanied by—

- (a) a certificate of good character; and
- (b) a medical certificate of good health issued by a Medical Officer of Health.

**5.** (1) Where an application is successful the General Manager shall notify the applicant in writing and require the payment of a fee of five dollars. On payment of the fee a licence shall be issued. Successful applicant to be notified in writing.

(2) A licence issued under subregulation (1) shall be in respect of the agricultural produce, stall and wholesale market specified therein and shall be valid for one calendar year, but may be renewed annually if the requirements of regulation 4(2) are satisfied and on payment of a fee of five dollars.

**6.** A wholesaler shall not be permitted to sell any produce whatever by retail in a wholesale market and the minimum wholesale units of sale therein shall be in the amounts hereunder specified: Restriction on sale of produce by wholesaler.

<i>Produce</i>	<i>Minimum wholesale Units of sale</i>
lettuce	10 heads
watercress and spinach	10 bundles (weighing in the aggregate not less than 10 lbs.)
chive	1 large bundle (each of 24 bunches and weighing in the aggregate not less than 2 lbs).
bodi peas	1 large bundle (weighing not less than 10 lbs.)

<i>Produce</i>	<i>Minimum wholesale Units of sale</i>
dasheen leaves	1 small parcel (each of 25 bundles and weighing in the aggregate not less than 30 lbs.)
celery	10 bundles (weighing in the aggregate not less than 2 lbs.)
patchoi	10 bundles (weighing in the aggregate not less than 10 lbs.)
ochroes	100 in number
pumpkin	55 in number
mangoes and citrus (oranges, grapefruit, etc.)	50 in number
pommeCytheres	100 in number
dry coconuts	25 in number
breadfruit	25 in number
all other produce (except condiments)	10 lbs.
All condiments (except otherwise specified)	10 bundles or 10 in number depending on their unit of sale.

Licence required to operate scale or hand barrow.

**7.** No person other than a wholesaler, shall operate a scale or a hand barrow in a wholesale market unless he is in possession of a licence issued in accordance with these Regulations. Fees shall not be payable in respect of such a licence.

**8.** The General Manager, if he has reasonable grounds to believe that a wholesaler, porter or scale-operator is suffering from an infectious or contagious disease, shall require the wholesaler, porter or scale-operator to submit himself forthwith to a Medical Officer of Health for a medical examination.

General Manager may require wholesaler, etc., to submit himself for medical examination.

**9.** (1) The General Manager shall suspend the licence of a wholesaler, porter or scale-operator if—

General Manager may suspend licence of wholesaler, etc.

(a) the Medical Officer of Health is of the opinion that the wholesaler, porter or scale-operator is suffering from an infectious or contagious disease; or

(b) the wholesaler, porter or scale-operator fails or refuses to present himself for a medical examination when required to do so.

(2) A licence that has been suspended may be restored if—

(a) the Medical Officer of Health is satisfied that the wholesaler, porter or scale-operator is no longer suffering from the contagious or infectious disease or any other such disease; or

(b) the wholesaler, porter or scale-operator submitted himself for a medical examination and was found to be free from any contagious or infectious disease.

**10.** Every scale-operator shall keep a daily record of the volume of agricultural produce weighed by him and shall conform with any system of recording volumes which the Agency may introduce.

Scale-operator to keep daily record of volume of produce weighed by him.

**11.** Every scale used in a wholesale market shall be a platform scale with two faces. The scale shall be stamped annually by an Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Type of scale permitted to be used.

**12.** (1) No wholesaler or scale-operator shall have in his possession or custody or under his control any false or unjust weights, weighing machines or scales.

Offence to have false or unjust weights, etc., in one's possession.

(2) A wholesaler or scale-operator who contravenes subregulation (1) is guilty of an offence.

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Procedure where  
dispute arises  
between a  
wholesaler and a  
purchaser.

**13.** Whenever a dispute arises between a wholesaler, a scale-operator and a purchaser with respect to the weight or measure of any agricultural produce that has been purchased or that is about to be purchased, the wholesaler or scale-operator shall, if the purchaser so demands, cause the produce to be weighed in the presence of an authorised officer of the Agency.

Wholesaler may  
park containers.

**14.** Containers commonly known as “sea-land” and any other similar containers may be parked by a wholesaler in an area of a wholesale market provided by the Agency.

Licence required  
for use of  
parking  
facilities.

**15.** (1) A wholesaler shall not avail himself of the parking facilities provided in a wholesale market unless he is in possession of a licence issued in accordance with these Regulations. The fees payable for use of the parking facilities shall be such as are from time to time determined by the Agency.

(2) A licence issued pursuant to subregulation (1) shall specify the parking space allotted to each applicant. Where the parking space is left unused for one month or more without prior notification in writing by the occupier to the General Manager, it shall be deemed to have been abandoned and the licence issued in respect thereof may be revoked.

Mode of  
application for  
licence.

**16.** (1) Every application for a licence under these Regulations shall be made in writing in a form approved by the Agency and shall be addressed to the General Manager.

(2) Every licence issued under these Regulations shall be produced on demand to any authorised officer of the Agency.

(3) A person who fails to produce his licence when requested to do so is guilty of an offence.

Fees to be paid  
to Agency.

**17.** All fees payable under these Regulations shall be paid to the Agency.

Obligations of  
wholesaler.

**18.** (1) A wholesaler shall ensure that—

(a) his stall is kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times;

- (b) his agricultural produce is kept and sold in bags, crates, baskets, boxes or other containers;
- (c) his agricultural produce is not displayed on the ground and except with the written permission of the General Manger, is not sold from the trays of vehicles.

(2) A wholesaler who contravenes any of the provisions of subregulation (1) is guilty of an offence.

**19.** The Agency, its employees or agents shall not be responsible for the safe keeping of any articles left in a wholesale market. Agency not liable for safe keeping of articles.

**20.** Except with the written permission of the General Manager no person shall— Written permission of General Manager required to do certain things.

- (a) sell any goods by auction in a wholesale market;
- (b) erect any structures or use any structures other than those provided by the Agency;
- (c) use a stall in a wholesale market unless he is in possession of a licence issued in respect of that stall;
- (d) post in a wholesale market any bill or placard other than a bill or placard on which there is a description of the agricultural produce on sale.

**21.** (1) No person shall in a wholesale market— Restrictions on use of wholesale market.

- (a) hawk, cry out the price of or carry about any article for the purpose of sale;
- (b) use a bell or other instrument for the purpose of advertising goods;
- (c) sell, deposit, offer or expose for sale any agricultural produce except on the stall specified in his licence;
- (d) tamper with any scale, balance, beam or weight whether or not the scale, balance, beam or weight is his property, is in his possession or under his control;

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- (e) act or behave in a disorderly or indecent manner;
- (f) fight or otherwise disturb the peace;
- (g) make use of insulting, annoying, violent, obscene, indecent or profane language;
- (h) make any loud noise or play any musical instrument, radio or other mechanical apparatus;
- (i) consume intoxicating liquor;
- (j) loiter or stand in any court, yard or passage in such a manner as to impede the free passage of any other person;
- (k) molest, hinder or obstruct the General Manager or any agent, employee or authorised officer of the Agency in the execution of his duties;
- (l) damage any property of the Agency or wilfully soil or deface any part of such market;
- (m) spit on the floor or ground thereof or drop, deposit and leave any offal, garbage or other matter therein;
- (n) bring in or permit any dog or other animal to follow him in or to be in his custody or under his control.

(2) A person who contravenes any of the provisions of subregulation (1) is guilty of an offence.

Penalty.

**22.** (1) A person who commits an offence under these Regulations is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars.

(2) Where the person who commits the offence is a wholesaler, porter or scale-operator, in addition to any fine which may be imposed under subregulation (1), he may be liable to have his licence revoked.

**SCHEDULE**

Regulation 2.

That portion of the Central Market, situated at the Beetham Highway, known as Block I including the Farmers' Market and bounded on the North by a drain and the St. Joseph Road; on the South by Block II of the Central Market and the Beetham Highway, on the West by the Central Market and on the East by the St. Joseph Road, and more particularly shown, delineated and coloured red on the plan published as a supplement to *Gazette* No. 116 of 1976 dated 15th April 1976.

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