

STATUTORY RULES.

No. 5 of 1918.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE "HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1912."

1. In the interpretation of these Regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates the following terms shall have the meanings set against them respectively :—

"District"—Sanitary District of Port Moresby.

"The Health Authority"—The Health Authority appointed under the *Health Ordinance, 1912*, for the above-mentioned District.

"Inspector"—Inspector under the *Health Ordinance, 1912*.

"The Ordinance"—The *Health Ordinance, 1912*.

2. The only privies or closets to be erected within the District are to be dry earth closets, constructed as follows—

(a) The building to be substantially of wood and iron or other material approved by the health authority.

(b) A door, hinged so as to swing to one side, to be made at the back of each closet large enough to admit easily the pans supplied. A floor to be constructed in each closet so that the top of the pan will not be more than one inch from the seat in the said closet. The boarding of the floor to run in the direction that the pan is withdrawn, and with stops to prevent the pan being pushed too far or too much to one side.

(c) Each closet to be constructed with proper doors, the seat capable of being raised, and other necessary requirements for securing decency and proper ventilation, and to be maintained in a fit and cleanly condition.

3. From and after the publication of these Regulations :—

(a) Dry earth closets of the pattern aforesaid shall be built and maintained, or, if required by the Health Authority, altered and maintained for use in the District.

(b) A sufficient number of closets and urinals, both for European and Native residents and employees, shall be erected and maintained on the premises of all dwellings, stores or business premises as the Inspector shall deem necessary.

4. Closets and urinals erected after the date of these Regulations must only be erected on such spots on the premises of the owner of the said closet or urinal as the Health Authority approves.

5. Each closet now or hereafter erected must be provided with a box or other suitable receptacle for earth or other deodorising substance, with a capacity of not less than one cubic foot for each pan, and with a scoop or shovel for scooping up the deodorising substance.

6. No refuse or waste household water is to be put into a closet pan when the same is in use in the closet.

7. The Health Authority shall have power to determine what number of bins must be kept at any dwelling-house, store or business premises.

8. The occupier of every house must place all his rubbish and waste matter into the aforesaid bin. No dead carcase nor household water nor slops shall be put into a bin. Bins must be kept in a dry place and at a spot which, in the opinion of the Health Authority, is convenient to access by the scavengers.

9. Every sanitary pan and every sanitary bin on premises occupied for any portion of a calendar month shall, subject to these regulations, be charged for at the rate of 3s. 6d. and 1s. 6d. respectively per month, and shall be emptied twice a week by the sanitary service.

10. Extra services specially rendered shall be charged for at the rate of 1s. per pan or 6d. per bin per service, but the owner or occupier of any premises may give written order for one or more extra services per week at the rate of 2s. per pan or 1s. per bin per month for each such extra weekly service.

11. If any premises are left unoccupied for the whole of a calendar month and if written notice is given to the officer in charge of the sanitary service before the month begins, no charge for the month shall be made provided that the pans or bins are not used, but the owner or occupier of the premises shall be responsible for seeing that the pans or bins are not used.

12. If any premises are left unoccupied for the whole of one or more weeks beginning on a Sunday, and if written notice is given to the officer in charge of the sanitary service, a reduction at the rate of 9d. per pan per week and 4d. per bin per week shall be made, provided that the pans or bins are not used during the week or weeks. But the owner and occupier of the premises shall be responsible for seeing that such pans and bins are not used during such time. In such case the ordinary monthly account shall be rendered but the reduction shall be shown in the account for the month during which such week terminates.

13. Should an Inspector or Health Authority consider that an insanitary condition has arisen on any premises due to any pans or bins not being emptied often enough, he may take action under the Ordinance, and in such case may, at his discretion, call upon the officer in charge of the sanitary service to render a single extra service at once and one or more extra services weekly, provided that in all such cases the notice required by Section 26 or 28 of the Ordinance shall be served on the occupier or owner without undue delay.

14. The only services which shall be charged for are :—

- (a) The ordinary service at the rate of 3s. 6d. per pan, 1s. 6d. per bin.
- (b) Extra services at the request of the occupier or owner of any premises at a rate of 1s. per service or 2s. per month for a weekly service in the case of pans, and 6d. per service or 1s. per month for a weekly service in the case of bins.
- (c) Extra services by direction of an Inspector or a Health Authority, provided the required notice under Sections 26 and 28 of the Ordinance is given to the occupier at the same rate as in subsection (b).

And all such services shall be charged for.

15. The occupier of premises shall in the first instance, unless there is reason to the contrary, be liable for the above sanitary charge, but in the event of his default for one week after service of an account in accordance with subsection 2 of Section 135 of the Ordinance, the owner of such premises may be called upon to pay the account.

16. All pans and bins shall be supplied by the Health Authority free of cost.

17. (1) All occupiers must give written notice to the Health Authority when a house is first occupied by them.

(2) When a new house is first going to be occupied the intending occupier must give written notice to the Health Authority of such intended occupation.

(3) When a house is left vacant the former occupier and the owner of the same shall be liable for sanitary charges until the Health Authority is given written notice that such house is vacant.

(4) If the Sanitary pans or rubbish bins of an unoccupied house are in point of fact used by anyone, the owner shall again become liable to pay sanitary charges for such pans or bins until the Health Authority is satisfied that they are no longer being used.

18. All persons failing to do any act required to be done or doing any act forbidden to be done by any of the foregoing Regulations numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 shall be liable for any such offence to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds. Persons failing to give a notice required to be given under Regulation 17 (1) or (2) shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

19. The Regulations made and passed on 19th April, 1917, Statutory Rules No. 6 of 1917, (*vide Gazette* No. 6 of 1917) are hereby repealed.

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