

STATUTORY RULES.

No. 10 of 1927.

Made under the *Native Labour Ordinance*, 1911-1920.

1. Regulation No. 24 of Regulations made under the *Native Labour Ordinance*, 1911-1920, is repealed and the following Regulation is inserted in its stead:—

“ *Minimum Rations.* ”

24. The following is the minimum ration that is to be supplied to each native under contract of service:—

DAILY.

- (a) Any one or some combination of two or more of the following:—
Rice, dried sago, white flour, white bread, biscuits and maize meal, 1 lb.
- (b) Peas or beans, or pea flour, or wheatmeal, or brown bread made from wheatmeal, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
- (c) Any of the above may be replaced by four times the quantity of fresh edible roots or bananas.

WEEKLY.

- (a) Meat (without bone) or fish, 1 lb.; and
- (b) Any one or some combination of two or more of the following:—
Fresh coconut kernel, desiccated coconut and sugar, 1 lb.; and
- (c) Cod-liver oil, 1 tablespoonful; and
- (d) Salt, 1 oz.; and
- (e) Soap, 2 oz.; and
- (f) Tobacco (29 sticks to the pound), $1\frac{1}{2}$ sticks.

MONTHLY.

- (a) Oranges (full sized), 4; or
Lemons („ „), 4; or
Limes („ „), 8; or
Sprouted peas, 2 lb.; or
Onions, 2 lb.; or
Pawpaws, 2 lb.; or
Tomatoes, 2 lb.; and
- (b) Fresh edible roots or bananas, 8 lb.; and
- (c) Peas or beans, 2 lb.

Fresh edible roots shall include all kinds of edible roots commonly used as food by natives of Papua, European potatoes and any other article of food sanctioned by the Commissioner for Native Affairs.

The above scale does not apply to household servants who shall be supplied with sufficient good food as required.

Beriberi.

If Beriberi or any sign of incipient Beriberi occurs or is suspected of occurring on any centre where native labour is employed, the Commissioner for Native Affairs may order that half a pound of peas, or half a pound of beans, or half a pound of pea flour, or two pounds of fresh vegetable roots be supplied as part of the daily ration. Unless the order specifically forbids it the Manager of such centre may substitute the above alternatives one for the other.

Scurvy.

If Scurvy or Sore Mouth Disease occurs or is suspected of occurring on any centre where native labour is employed, the Commissioner for Native Affairs may order that one orange, or one lemon, or two limes, or one quarter-pound of onions shall be supplied daily in place of monthly ration (a), or may order that half a pound of germinated peas be supplied as part of the daily ration. Unless the order specifically forbids it the Manager of such centre may substitute the above alternatives one for the other.

Vitamin "A."

If in the opinion of the Commissioner for Native Affairs the health of the native labourers at any centre of employment is unsatisfactory and would be benefited by a ration containing Vitamin "A" he may order that the native labourers be supplied with two pounds of fresh coconut kernel, or eight ounces of cod-liver oil per month. Unless the order specifically forbids it the Manager of such centre may substitute the above alternatives one for the other.

Food to be cooked.

All food shall be supplied to the native labourer suitably cooked, prepared and served ready for consumption."

2. The foregoing regulation shall commence and take effect on the first day of March, 1928.

Made in Executive Council this twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

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L. H. HILDER,
Clerk of Executive Council.

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