

Essential (Tenants Registration) Regulations

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**EMERGENCY (ESSENTIAL POWERS) ACT
(CHAPTER 90, SECTION 2)**

ESSENTIAL (TENANTS REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Essential (Tenants Registration) Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“identity card” means an identity card issued to a person required to be registered under the National Registration Act [Cap. 201];

“tenant” means the person who is in possession of or occupies any premises and, where premises are divided into parts and let out to, or occupied by different families or individuals, the owner of such premises if he himself resides or occupies any part of the premises or the person who sub-lets a part or parts of the premises to another person or allows another person to occupy any part or parts of the premises, and includes a person nominated under regulation 5(2);

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for internal security.

Application of Regulations to areas

3. The provisions of these Regulations shall apply only to such area or areas as the Minister may by order specify.

Localities and appointment of headman, etc., for such localities

4.—(1) In relation to any areas to which these Regulations apply, the Minister or any person authorised in writing by him shall, subject to any directions given by the Minister, divide such areas into localities and shall appoint a person residing in such locality to be a headman of, or to perform tenant registration duties in, that locality.

(2) A headman of, and a person appointed to perform registration duties in, a locality shall have the powers and perform the duties vested and conferred on them by these Regulations.

Duty of headman, etc., to keep a list of tenants

5.—(1) Every headman and every person appointed under regulation 4 shall, as soon as possible after his appointment, prepare and keep a list of the tenants of all premises in his locality and shall make in such list such alterations as may be necessary from time to time and the list shall be in a form approved by the Minister.

(2) Where any doubt or difficulty arises as to who is the tenant of any premises, the headman or person appointed shall nominate any person residing in such premises to be the tenant and that person shall be the tenant of those premises for the purposes of these Regulations.

Officers

6.—(1) The Minister, or any person authorised by him in that behalf, may appoint such persons as he thinks fit to be officers to direct the performance of the duties of headman and the persons appointed under regulation 4, and may designate the ranks to be held by those officers.

(2) Any officer appointed under paragraph (1) shall have the power to give directions as to the time, place and manner of the performance of the duties of any officer of inferior rank or of any headman or person appointed under regulation 4.

Penalty for failure to perform duties

7.—(1) Any officer appointed under regulation 6 or any headman or person appointed under regulation 4 who, without reasonable excuse, the proof whereof shall lie on him, refuses or neglects to serve shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months.

(2) A person who —

- (a) being an officer, fails to comply with any direction given by his superior officer;
- (b) being a headman, fails to comply with any direction given by an officer; or
- (c) being a person appointed to perform tenant registration duties under regulation 4, fails to comply with any direction given by any of the persons mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b),

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to a fine not exceeding \$500 or to both.

(3) The Minister, or any person authorised by him in that behalf, may dismiss any officer or any headman or person specified under regulation 4.

Duty of tenant to keep record of persons residing in premises