

Hydrogen Cyanide (Fumigation) Regulations

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hydrogen Cyanide (Fumigation) Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations —

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Public Health appointed under section 3 of the Environmental Public Health Act [Cap. 95], and includes a Deputy Commissioner of Public Health and an Assistant Commissioner of Public Health appointed under that section and any public officer authorised by the Commissioner in writing to carry out all or any of the powers conferred on the Commissioner by these Regulations;

“fumigant” means hydrogen cyanide, methyl bromide or hydrogen phosphide;

“fumigation” means the fumigation with hydrogen cyanide, methyl bromide or hydrogen phosphide of any premises or part thereof;

“fumigation area” means the premises or any part thereof undergoing fumigation;

“operator” means any person designated in writing by the undertaker to be in charge of the carrying out of a fumigation and duly licensed under these Regulations;

“premises” includes any building, vehicle, ship or enclosed space;

“risk area” means any part of a building, vehicle, ship or any other enclosed space into which there is any reason to apprehend that the fumigant may penetrate from the fumigation area, and in any case includes those parts of any building, vehicle, ship or other enclosed space which are less than 6 metres from the nearest boundary of any fumigation area unless separated therefrom by a yard, street, or other open space not less than 3 metres in width or by a solid wall, or two adjoining walls of a total thickness of not less than 50 centimetres;

“undertaker” means any person who, under contract or otherwise, undertakes the carrying out of a fumigation.

Duties of undertaker

3.—(1) It shall be the duty of the undertaker —

- (a) to observe the requirements of regulations 14, 16, 17 and 19;
- (b) to take such steps as may be necessary to enable the operator to carry out the requirements of regulations 15, 18, 21, 22 and 23; and
- (c) generally to exercise such supervision and take such steps as are within his power to secure the due observance of these Regulations by those engaged by him to carry out a fumigation.

(2) It shall be the duty of the operator to secure that the requirements of regulations 15, 18, 21, 22 and 23 are complied with and of all the persons employed in connection with the fumigation to co-operate with the operator for that purpose.

Fumigation by licensed undertaker and operator

4.—(1) No undertaker shall carry out a fumigation except by means of an operator duly licensed in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) The operator referred to in paragraph (1) shall be separately licensed to carry out fumigation with hydrogen cyanide, methyl bromide or hydrogen phosphide.

Application for licence

5. Every application for a licence to carry out fumigation with each fumigant shall be made to the Commissioner in writing in the Form A set out in the Schedule, and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$150.

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Application for renewal of licence

6. Every application for the renewal of a licence to carry out fumigation with each fumigant shall be made to the Commissioner in writing in the Form B set out in the Schedule, at least two months before the expiry of the current licence, and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$150.

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Licence

7. Every licence granted by the Commissioner shall be in the Form C set out in the Schedule and shall unless sooner cancelled or suspended remain in force until the 31st December next following the date the licence was granted.

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Refusal of application

8. Where an application is refused, the fee accompanying the application shall be returned to the applicant.

Suspension or cancellation of licence

9. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, suspend for such period as he may think fit or cancel any licence at any time during the currency thereof if he is satisfied that the holder of the licence is not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

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Inspection of licence

10. The holder of a licence shall produce the licence for inspection when required to do so by the Commissioner.

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Licence granted to fit and proper persons

11. The Commissioner shall not grant a licence unless he is satisfied that the applicant therefor is a fit and proper person to carry out a fumigation as an operator.

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Medical and other requirements

12. Every applicant shall —

- (a) produce a certificate of a registered medical practitioner showing that he is not suffering from any infirmity to render his use of a fumigant for the purpose of fumigation dangerous either to himself or to the public;
- (b) undergo a further medical examination before a renewal of a licence is granted or when required to do so by the Commissioner ;
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- (c) furnish such particulars and pass such theoretical or practical test as the Commissioner may require to satisfy himself that the applicant is a fit and proper person to be granted a licence;
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- (d) have had not less than 6 months regular experience of fumigating together with in addition 12 months regular experience of fumigating one or more of the following, namely, ships, buildings or produce and shall be otherwise competent for the purpose; and
- (e) pay a fee of \$170 for the theoretical or practical test conducted under paragraph (c).

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Register of licence holders

13. The Commissioner shall keep or cause to be kept a register in which shall be entered the name, address and such other particulars as he considers necessary of every person to whom a licence has been granted. The holder of a licence shall notify the Commissioner in writing of any change of address within 7 days after the change.

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Fumigation to be carried out by adequate staff under supervision