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### 1 Short title

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1.

This Act may be cited as the Environmental Public Health Act.

### 2 Interpretation

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2.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Agency" means the National Environment Agency established under the National Environment Agency Act 2002 (Act 4 of 2002);

"authorised officer" means any person appointed by the Director-General under sections 3 (2) and 4 (2) to be an authorised officer;

"building" includes any house, hut, shed or roofed enclosure, whether used for the purpose of human habitation or otherwise, and any structure, support or foundation connected to the foregoing;

"construction site" means any premises on which works of the following description are being or are going to be carried out:

(a) the erection, construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of buildings, structures or roads;

(b) the breaking up or opening of, or boring under, any road or adjacent land in connection with the construction, inspection, maintenance or removal of

works;

(c) demolition or dredging works; or

(d) any other work of engineering construction;

"dangerous substance" means —

(a) aquafortis, vitriol, naphtha benzine, gunpowder, lucifer matches, nitroglycerine and petroleum;

(b) any explosive within the meaning of the Arms and Explosives Act (Cap. 13);

(c) any radioactive material within the meaning of the Radiation Protection Act 2007;

(d) any substance which owing to its nature, composition or quantity constitutes a danger to property or human life or health; and

(e) such other substance which the Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare to be dangerous substance for the purpose of this Act;

"Director-General" means the Director-General of Public Health appointed under section 3 (1);

"disposal facility" includes a recycling facility, a refuse disposal ground, any place used for the deposit of refuse or waste, an incinerator or any plant, machinery or apparatus used for the processing or treatment of refuse or waste;

"dwelling-house" includes any building or tenement or any part thereof which is used, constructed or adapted for use for human habitation;

"flat" means a horizontal stratum of any building or part thereof, whether such stratum is on one or more levels or is partially or wholly below the surface of the ground, which is used or intended to be used as a complete and separate unit for the purpose of habitation or business or for any other purpose, and which may be comprised in a "lot", or in part of any

"subdivided building" not shown in a registered "strata title plan" (the last 3 expressions within quotation marks having the same meaning as in the Land Titles (Strata) Act (Cap. 158));

"food" includes drink, chewing gum and other products of a like nature and

use, and articles and substances used as ingredients in the preparation of food or drink or of such products, but does not include —

- (a) live animals or birds;
- (b) fodder or feeding stuffs for animals, birds or fish; or
- (c) articles or substances used only as drugs;

"food establishment" means any place or any premises or part thereof used for the sale, or for the preparation or manufacture for sale, or for the storage or packing for sale, of food, whether cooked or not, intended for human consumption;

"footway" includes footways and verandah-ways at the sides of streets;

"funeral parlour" means any premises where corpses are received for the purpose of preparation for burial or cremation or for the carrying out of funeral rites or ceremonies prior to burial or cremation, and includes any premises used for such purpose by whatever name called;

"garden refuse" means the refuse from garden and agricultural operations;

"house" includes dwelling-house, warehouse, office, shop, school and any other building in which persons are employed;

"industrial waste" means any waste whether solid, liquid or gaseous produced in the course of or is the waste product of any trade, business, manufacture or building construction, and includes toxic industrial waste and any dangerous substance;

"infectious diseases" means —

- (a) any disease set out in the First or Second Schedule to the Infectious Diseases Act (Cap. 137); and
- (b) any skin disease which is likely to be contagious;

"itinerant hawker" means any person who, with or without a vehicle, goes from place to place or from house to house carrying for sale or exposing for sale any food or goods of any kind;

"latrine" includes bucket latrines, bore-hole latrines, water-seal latrines and pit-latrines;

"market" means any place used for the sale of any meat, fish, fruit, vegetable, poultry, egg or other article of food, whether cooked or uncooked, for human consumption, and includes any premises therein used for the sale of goods or in any way used in conjunction or connection therewith or appurtenant thereto;

"nuisance" means any act, omission or thing occasioning or likely to occasion injury, annoyance, offence, harm, danger or damage to the sense of sight, smell or hearing, or which is or is likely to be injurious or dangerous to health or property;

"occupier" means the person in occupation of any premises or having the charge, management or control thereof either on his own account or as agent of another person, but does not include a lodger; and, in relation to any part of any premises, different parts of which are occupied by different persons, means the person in occupation or having the charge, management or control of that part;

"operator" , in relation to a public service vehicle, means the owner, ticket conductor, driver, ticket inspector or person who is in charge or in control of the public service vehicle;

"owner" , in relation to —

(a) any premises, means the person for the time being receiving the rent of the premises, whether on his own account or as agent or trustee or as receiver, or who would receive the rent if the premises were let to a tenant, and includes the person whose name is entered in the Valuation List prepared under section 10 of the Property Tax Act (Cap. 254);

(b) any premises where building works are carried out, includes the developer;

(c) the common property of any subdivided building, includes the management corporation established under the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act 2004 having control of the building, or the person receiving any rent or charge for the maintenance of that common property or any body corporate constituted under an order made by the Minister under section 3 of the HUDC Housing Estates Act (Cap. 131); and

(d) the limited common property of any subdivided building, includes the subsidiary management corporation established under the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act 2004 having control of the limited common property, or the person receiving any rent or charge for the maintenance of that limited common property;

"place of public resort" means a building or a defined or an enclosed place used or constructed or adapted to be used either ordinarily or occasionally as a church, mosque, temple or other place where public worship is or religious ceremonies are performed, not being merely a dwelling-house so used, or as a cinema, theatre, public hall, or as a public place of assembly for persons admitted thereto by ticket or otherwise, or used or constructed or adapted to be used either ordinarily or occasionally for any other public purpose;

"premises" means messuages, buildings, lands, easements and hereditaments of any tenure, whether open or enclosed, whether built on or not, whether public or private, and whether maintained or not under statutory authority, and includes any place or structure, or any part thereof used or intended to be used for human habitation or for any other purpose whatsoever;

"private market" means a market other than a public market;

"private street" means any street not being a public street;

"public market" means a market owned, leased or maintained by the Government;

"public place" includes any place whether privately owned or not to which the public has access;

"public service vehicle" has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276);

"public street" means any street over which the public has a right of way and any street vested in the Government;

"public waste collector licensee" means a person designated by the Director-General under section 31 (3);

"recycling facility" means any premises used for the sorting, segregation, processing or treatment of refuse, waste or any other material or thing for the primary purpose of recycling or reuse;

"sale" includes barter, exchange, import and export and also includes offering or attempting to sell, or causing or allowing to be sold, or exposing for sale, or receiving or sending or delivering for sale, or supplying any food, drink or goods where consideration is to be received by the supplier for such supply either specifically or as part of a service contracted for, or having in possession for sale or having in possession any food, drink or goods knowing that the same is likely to be sold or offered or exposed for sale and

"sell" shall be construed accordingly;



"sanitary conveniences" includes latrines, toilets, urinals and water-closets;

"showboard" includes showcase and any description of container used for the display of any article or thing;

"stable refuse" means the dung or urine of birds, poultry or animals and the sweepings or refuse or drainage from any stables or cattle-sheds or places for keeping animals, birds or poultry;

"stall" means any table, shed, showboard, vehicle or receptacle or any other means used or intended to be used for the purpose of selling food or goods of any kind and includes any structure affixed thereto by way of roof, support or flooring;

"street" includes any road, flyover, square, footway, back-lane or passage, whether a thoroughfare or not, over which the public has a right of way, and also the way over any public bridge, and also includes any road, car park, field, grass verge, footway or passage, open court or open alley used or intended to be used as a means of access to 2 or more holdings, whether the public has a right of way thereover or not; and all channels, drains, ditches and reserves at the side of any street shall be deemed to be part of the street;

"swimming pool" means any swimming pool —

(a) to which the public has access, whether or not admission is gained by payment; and

(b) managed, operated or run by any hotel, club, association or other organisation;

"toilet" means a facility for urinating and defecating which is water flushed, and which connects, directly or otherwise, with a private sewage disposal system or with the public sewage disposal system;

"toxic industrial waste" means any industrial waste which owing to its nature, composition or quantity constitutes a danger to human health or the environment or which contains or may produce pathogens of transmissible diseases;

"vehicle" means any vehicle whether mechanically propelled or otherwise and includes a barrow and a cart;

"waste" includes —

(a) any substance which constitutes a scrap material or an effluent or other unwanted surplus substance arising from the application of any process; and

(b) any substance or article which requires to be disposed of as being broken, worn out, contaminated or otherwise spoiled,

and anything which is discarded or otherwise dealt with as if it were waste shall be presumed to be waste unless the contrary is proved;

"waste collector licensee" means any person who is licensed under section 31 to collect and remove refuse and waste;

"waste disposal licensee" means any person who is licensed under section 23 to construct, establish, maintain or operate any disposal facility;

"work place" means any premises or place used for any industrial, trade, commercial or manufacturing purposes and includes all construction sites, work sites and farms.

[2/96; 22/99; 4/2002]

## PART II ADMINISTRATION

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### 3 Appointment of Director-General and authorised officers

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3.

—(1) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint any person to be the Director-General of Public Health who shall be responsible for the administration of this Act and any other written law, subject to the general or special directions of the Minister.

[4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may in writing appoint any public officer or any officer of the Agency or of any statutory authority to be an authorised officer for the purposes of this Act.

[4/2002]

## 4 Delegation of power by Director-General

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4.

—(1) The Director-General may, with the approval of the Minister, delegate the exercise of all or any of the powers conferred or duties imposed upon him by this Act to any authorised officer, subject to such conditions or limitations as the Director-General may specify.

[4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint any person set out in the first column of the Fourth Schedule as authorised officer for the purposes of exercising all or any of the powers under this Act that are set out in the second column of that Schedule, subject to such conditions or limitations as the Director-General may specify.

[4/2002]

# PART III PUBLIC CLEANSING

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*Cleaning of Streets*

## 5 Director-General to cause public streets to be cleansed

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5.

The Director-General shall cause public streets, including the footways thereof, to be properly swept and cleansed and watered so far as is reasonably practicable, and refuse and filth of every sort found thereon to be collected and removed.

[4/2002]

## **6 Duty of owner and occupier to keep clean private streets etc. abutting on their premises**

Duty of owner and occupier to keep clean private streets, etc., abutting on their premises

6.

—(1) The owner and the occupier of any premises abutting upon any private street to which they have access or the right of access from such premises shall cause such portion of the street as fronts, adjoins or abuts on their premises and up to the centre thereof including the footways to be properly swept and cleansed and watered so far as is reasonably practicable, and refuse and filth of every sort found thereon to be collected and removed.

(2) The owner and the occupier of any premises shall cause the immediate vicinity of such premises, including the footways and backyards abutting thereon, and the airwells, courtyards and quadrangles thereof to be kept clean and free of refuse, filth or other matter or any accumulation of water.

(3) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require any person upon whom any duty is cast under subsection (1) or (2) to sweep and cleanse and water such street and to collect and remove the refuse, filth and other matter found thereon at such time or times as are stated in the notice.

[4/2002]

## **7 Dustbins in streets**

Dustbins in streets

7.

—(1) The Director-General may —

(a) cause any number of dustbins or other convenient receptacles wherein refuse may be temporarily deposited to be provided and placed in proper and convenient locations in public streets and private streets and in such other places as he may think fit; and

(b) cause vehicles to go round to collect the refuse.

[4/2002]

(2) No person shall deposit, or cause or permit to be deposited any dung, nightsoil, human excreta, industrial waste, stable refuse or garden refuse in any such dustbin or receptacle, except that such garden refuse comprising grass, small twigs and the like as may be reasonably accommodated in those dustbins or receptacles may be placed therein. *Removal of Refuse*

## 8 Director-General may apply systems for collection and removal of refuse etc.

Director-General may apply systems for collection and removal of refuse, etc.

8.

—(1) The Director-General may at any time apply to all premises within such area as he may determine any system which he thinks fit for the collection and removal of refuse and waste of every description from those premises.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(2) In any area to which a system for the collection and removal of refuse and waste is applied under subsection (1) —

(a) no person other than a waste collector licensee whose specified area in its licence includes premises in the area shall collect or remove any refuse or waste; and

(b) every occupier of such premises as the Director-General may designate in the area shall use the service of collecting and removing refuse or waste provided by a public waste collector licensee whose specified area in its licence includes those designated premises.

[2/96; 4/2002]

## 9 Removal of industrial waste stable refuse etc.

Removal of industrial waste, stable refuse, etc.

9.

— (1) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require any person carrying on a trade, manufacture or business or occupying any stable, cattle-shed or place for keeping sheep, goats, swine or poultry, to remove periodically industrial waste or stable refuse to a disposal facility for disposal.

[4/2002]

(2) Any person upon whom a notice has been served under subsection (1) shall, if so required by the Director-General, furnish evidence that he has complied with the notice.

[4/2002]

## **10 Director-General may require owner and occupier to provide dustbins and refuse bins etc.**

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10.

— (1) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of any premises to provide, construct or reconstruct at the expense of the owner or occupier and within such period as may be specified in the notice —

(a) dustbins or other convenient receptacles, which shall conform to such specifications as the Director-General may require, to be placed in appropriate locations within the premises of the owner or occupier as the Director-General thinks fit for the deposit of refuse and rubbish from those premises; and

(b) refuse bin centres or refuse bin compartments, which shall conform to such specifications as the Director-General may require, to be sited in appropriate situations within the premises as the Director-General thinks fit, and wherein or whereon shall be placed the dustbins and other receptacles referred to in paragraph (a).

[4/2002]

(2) Where any dustbins or receptacles have been provided under subsection (1), the Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of any premises concerned to convey as often as may be necessary refuse from such premises to a disposal facility.

[4/2002]

## 11 Maintenance of refuse lifts and chutes and chute chambers in buildings

Maintenance of refuse lifts and chutes and chute chambers in buildings

11.

—(1) The owner of a building or part thereof served by a refuse lift which is wholly or partly used for the conveyance of refuse or by a refuse chute or chute chamber shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair or replacement of the refuse lift, refuse chute or chute chamber.

(2) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner of a building or part thereof served by a refuse lift, refuse chute and chute chamber to —

(a) maintain, repair or replace the refuse lift, refuse chute or chute chamber or both; or

(b) change the dimensions of such refuse lift, refuse chute or chute chamber as the Director-General may consider necessary.

[4/2002]

## 12 Occupier of house to remove refuse

Occupier of house to remove refuse

12.

—(1) The occupier of any dwelling-house or premises who —

(a) keeps or allows to be kept otherwise than in some proper receptacle,

refuse or any noxious or offensive matter in any part of such house or premises;

(b) allows such receptacle to be in a filthy or noxious state; or

(c) neglects or fails to remove the refuse or noxious or offensive matter from such receptacle and to cleanse the same,

shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) The receptacle referred to in subsection (1) shall be placed at such times and places as may be directed by the Director-General.

[4/2002]

### **13 Prohibition on use of nightsoil or human excreta as manure**

Prohibition on use of nightsoil or human excreta as manure

13.

— (1) No land shall be manured with nightsoil or human excreta.

(2) If any nightsoil or human excreta is found in any place collected in pits or receptacles of any kind such as would in the ordinary course be used for preparing such nightsoil or human excreta for purposes of manuring, this shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the land on which such pits or receptacles are situated or land in the same occupation adjoining or contiguous thereto has been manured with nightsoil or human excreta.

(3) The owner and the occupier of any land which is manured with nightsoil or human excreta shall both be guilty of an offence.

(4) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of such land to remove the nightsoil or receptacles or to fill up such pits, as the case may be.

[4/2002]

### **14 Prohibition on use of nightsoil or human excreta for manuring earth in pots etc.**



Prohibition on use of nightsoil or human excreta for manuring earth in pots, etc.

14.

No person shall use any nightsoil or human excreta for the purpose of manuring any earth, soil or other substance contained in any pot, box, container or other receptacle.

## **15 Prohibition of cultivation or use of manure or irrigation which is a nuisance**

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15.

If at any time it appears to the Director-General that the method of cultivation of any description of crop or the use or storing or method of preparing or dealing with any kind of manure (including prawn dust, prawn shell, chicken droppings and stable refuse) or the irrigation of land in any specific manner in any premises or area is a nuisance, the Director-General may —

(a) prohibit the method of cultivation or the use or storing or method of preparing or dealing with the manure or the manner of irrigation within such premises or area; or

(b) regulate any of the matters referred to in paragraph (a) by imposing such conditions thereon as the Director-General may think necessary for the prevention of the nuisance.

[4/2002]

## **16 All refuse etc. collected to be property of Agency**

All refuse, etc., collected to be property of Agency

16.

—(1) All refuse, waste and filth of every sort and any matter or thing collected by the employees, contractors or agents of the Agency from streets, buildings or any premises or place or brought by any person to any public disposal facility shall be the property of the Agency which may sell or dispose of the refuse, waste and filth as it thinks fit.

[4/2002]

(2) No person shall, without the written permission of the Director-General, remove any refuse, waste or filth or any other matter or thing brought into any disposal facility for disposal or treatment.

[2/96; 4/2002]

*Offences in respect of Uncleanliness in Public Places*

## **17 Prohibition against throwing refuse etc. in any public place**

Prohibition against throwing refuse, etc., in any public place

17.

—(1) No person shall —

(a) deposit, drop, place or throw any dust, dirt, paper, ash, carcase, refuse, box, barrel, bale or any other article or thing in any public place;

(b) keep or leave any article or thing in any place where it or particles therefrom have passed or are likely to pass into any public place;

(c) dry any article of food or any other article or thing in any public place;

(d) place, scatter, spill or throw any blood, brine, noxious liquid, swill or any other offensive or filthy matter of any kind in such manner as to run or fall into any public place;

(e) beat, clean, shake, sieve or otherwise agitate any ash, hair, feathers, lime, sand, waste paper or other substance in such manner that it is carried or likely to be carried by the wind to any public place;

(f) throw or leave behind any bottle, can, food container, food wrapper,

glass, particles of food or any other article or thing in any public place;

(g) spit any substance or expel mucus from the nose upon or onto any street or any public place; or

(h) discard or abandon in any public place any motor vehicle whose registration has been cancelled under section 27 of the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276), any furniture or any other bulky article.

[2/96; 22/99]

(2) No person shall drop, deposit or throw any refuse or any other matter or thing in any channel, drain, lake, reservoir, river, stream or watercourse or upon the bank of any of the same or in any part of the sea abutting on the foreshore.

(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) shall be guilty of an offence.

## **18 Building works constituting danger to life health etc.**

Building works constituting danger to life, health, etc.

18.

Any person who, during the erection, alteration, construction or demolition of any building or at any time, fails to take reasonable precautions to prevent danger to the life, health or well-being of persons using any public place from flying dust or falling fragments or from any other material, thing or substance shall be guilty of an offence.

## **19 Prohibition against dropping scattering etc. certain substances in public place**

Prohibition against dropping, scattering, etc., certain substances in public place

19.

— (1) Any person who —

(a) drops, scatters, spills or throws any noxious liquid, dirt, sand, earth, gravel, clay, loam, manure, refuse, sawdust, shavings, stone, straw or any other similar matter or thing; or

(b) causes or permits any noxious liquid, dirt, sand, earth, gravel, clay, loam, manure, refuse, sawdust, shavings, stone, straw or any other similar matter or thing to be dropped, scattered, spilled or thrown,

in any public place (whether from a moving or stationary vehicle or in any other manner) shall be guilty of an offence.

[22/99]

(2) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require any person carrying out any construction or earth works to provide or construct any device or facility as the Director-General may think fit for the removal of dirt, earth, sand or other particles from any vehicle used in connection with the construction or earth works.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1) —

(a) where the matter or thing is dropped, scattered, spilled or thrown from a vehicle, the driver or person having charge or control of the vehicle shall be deemed to have committed the offence, unless the offence is committed by a person other than the driver or person having charge or control of the vehicle and the identity of the person who committed the offence can be established; and

(b) where the driver of a motor vehicle is alleged or is suspected to be guilty of the offence under this section —

(i) the owner of the motor vehicle shall give such information as he may be required to give by a police officer or an authorised officer as to the identity and address of the person who was driving the motor vehicle at or about the time of the alleged offence and such other information as the police officer or authorised officer may require; and

(ii) any other person who was or should have been in charge or in control of the motor vehicle shall, if so required, give any information which it is in his power to give, and which may lead to the identification of the driver.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(4) Any person who fails to comply with subsection (3) (b) (i) or (ii) within 14 days of the date on which the information was required from him shall be guilty of an offence unless he proves to the satisfaction of the court that he did not know and could not with reasonable diligence have ascertained the information required.

## 20 Prohibition against dumping and disposing

Prohibition against dumping and disposing

20.

— (1) Any person who —

(a) dumps or disposes of any refuse, waste or any other article from a vehicle in a public place; or

(b) uses a vehicle for the purpose of dumping or disposing of any refuse, waste or any other article in a public place,

shall be guilty of an offence.

[22/99]

(2) Any vehicle used in dumping or disposing of refuse, waste or any other article in any public place (other than a disposal facility established with a licence granted by the Director-General under section 23 (1) or a public disposal facility) may be seized by any police officer, or any authorised officer, and removed to and detained in any police station or Government depot or other place as may be approved by the Director-General at the risk of the owner for the purposes of proceedings under this Act.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(3) Where, upon an application by the Public Prosecutor, it is proved to the satisfaction of a court that a vehicle seized under subsection (2) has been used in the commission of an offence of dumping or disposing of refuse, waste or any other article in any public place under subsection (1), the court shall make an order for the forfeiture of the vehicle, notwithstanding that no person may have been convicted of that offence.

[22/99]

(4) An order for the forfeiture of a vehicle under subsection (3) may be made by the court before which the prosecution with regard to an offence under subsection (1) has been or will be held.

[22/99]

(5) If there is no prosecution with regard to an offence under subsection (1)

—

(a) the vehicle seized under subsection (2) shall be forfeited at the expiry of 3 months from the date of the seizure unless a claim thereto is made before that date; and



(b) any person asserting that he is the owner of such vehicle may personally, or by his agent authorised in writing, give written notice to the Director-General that he claims the vehicle.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(6) Upon receipt of a notice under subsection (5), the Director-General may direct that the vehicle be released or may refer the matter by information to a Magistrate.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(7) The Magistrate shall, on receipt of any information under subsection (6), hold an inquiry and proceed to determine the matter and shall —

(a) on proof that the vehicle was used in the commission of an offence of dumping or disposing of refuse, waste or any other article in any public place under subsection (1), order the vehicle to be forfeited; or

(b) in the absence of such proof, order the vehicle to be released.

[22/99]

(8) No person shall, in any proceedings in any court in respect of the seizure of any vehicle seized in exercise or the purported exercise of any power conferred under subsection (2), be entitled to the costs of such proceedings or to any damages or other relief, other than an order for the return of the vehicle, unless the seizure was made without reasonable or probable cause.

[22/99]

## 21 Notice to attend Court

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21.

— (1) Any person who commits an offence under section 17, 18, 19 or 20 may be arrested without warrant by any police officer or authorised officer, and taken before a Magistrate's Court or a District Court, as the case may be, and shall be liable on conviction —

(a) in the case of an offence under section 20 (1), to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 and to imprisonment for a term of not less than one month and not more than 12 months;

(b) in the case of an offence under section 17 (1) (h), to a fine not

exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both; and

(c) in the case of any other offence, to a fine not exceeding —

(i) in the case of a first conviction, \$1,000;

(ii) in the case of a second conviction, \$2,000; and

(iii) in the case of a third or subsequent conviction, \$5,000.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) or any other written law, any police officer or authorised officer who, having effected an arrest in accordance with this section, is satisfied as to the identity, name and place of residence of the person arrested, may, instead of taking that person before a Court or to a police station, serve upon that person a notice in such form as may be prescribed under section 108 requiring the person to attend at the Court described at the hour and on the date specified in the notice.

[4/2002]

(3) For the purpose of satisfying himself as to the identity of the person arrested, the police officer or authorised officer may require the person to furnish such evidence of identity as he may consider necessary.

[4/2002]

(4) A duplicate of the notice referred to in subsection (2) shall be prepared by the police officer or authorised officer, as the case may be, and produced by him to a Court, if so required by the Court.

[4/2002]

(5) On an accused person appearing before a Court in pursuance of such a notice, the Court shall take cognizance of the offence alleged and shall proceed as though he were produced before it under subsection (1).

(6) If a person upon whom a notice under subsection (2) has been served fails to appear before a Court in accordance therewith, the Court shall thereupon issue a warrant for the arrest of that person.

(7) Upon a person arrested in pursuance of a warrant of arrest issued under subsection (6) being produced before a Court, the Court shall —

(a) proceed as though he were produced before it under subsection (1); and

(b) at the conclusion of the proceedings call upon him to show cause why he should not be punished for failing to attend in compliance with the notice served upon him, and if cause is not shown may order him to pay such penalty not exceeding \$2,000 as the Court thinks fit or may commit him to prison for a term not exceeding 2 months.

(8) Upon the conviction of any person under subsection (1), the Director-General may, in the manner provided in section 89, recover from the person the costs and expenses incurred by the Director-General in cleaning the public place except that where an offence was committed by any person in the course of his employment, the Director-General may recover the costs and expenses in the manner provided in section 89 from the employer of such person.

[4/2002]

(9) This section shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to any person who contravenes any regulations made under this Act in respect of public cleansing.

## 21A Corrective work order

Corrective work order

21A.

— (1) Where a person who is 16 years of age or above is convicted of an offence under section 17 or 19, and if the Court by or before which he is convicted is satisfied that it is expedient with a view to his reformation and the protection of the environment and environmental public health that he should be required to perform unpaid work in relation to the cleaning of any premises, the Court shall, in lieu of or in addition to any other order, punishment or sentence and unless it has special reasons for not so doing, make a corrective work order requiring him to perform such work under the supervision of a supervision officer and in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 21B.

[32/92; 22/99]

(2) The number of hours which a person may be required to work under a corrective work order shall be specified in the order and shall not in the aggregate exceed 12 hours.

[32/92; 22/99]

(3) Notwithstanding section 18 of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 68), where a Court makes corrective work orders in respect of 2 or more offences of which the offender has been convicted by or before the Court, the Court may direct

that the hours of work specified in any of those orders shall be concurrent with or additional to the hours specified in any other of those orders, but so that the total number of hours which are not concurrent shall not exceed the maximum specified in subsection (2).

[32/92]

(4) In making a corrective work order, the Court shall consider the physical and mental condition of the offender and his suitability for carrying out the requirements of such order.

[32/92]

(5) Before making a corrective work order, the Court shall explain to the offender in ordinary language —

(a) the purpose and effect of the order and in particular the requirements of the order as specified in section 21B or any regulations made thereunder;

(b) the consequences which may follow under section 21C if he fails to comply with any of those requirements; and

(c) that the Court has under section 21D the power to review the order on the application of the offender or the Director-General.

[32/92; 4/2002]

(6) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, amend subsection (2) by varying the maximum number of hours for the time being specified in that subsection.

[32/92]

## **21B Obligations of person subject to corrective work order**

Obligations of person subject to corrective work order

21B.

— (1) An offender in respect of whom a corrective work order is in force shall —

(a) report to the supervision officer and subsequently from time to time notify him of any change of address; and

(b) perform for the number of hours specified in the order such work at such places and times and in such manner as he may be instructed by the supervision officer.

[32/92]

(2) The work required to be performed under a corrective work order shall be performed during the period of 12 months beginning with the date of the order; but unless revoked, the order shall remain in force until the offender has worked under it for the number of hours specified therein.

[32/92]

(3) A supervision officer shall not require an offender to work under one or more corrective work orders for a continuous period exceeding 3 hours in a day.

[22/99]

(4) The Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this section, to make further provisions for the manner in which a corrective work order may be carried out including the imposition of additional requirements and the service of any instructions or notice on a person in respect of whom such an order has been made.

[32/92; 4/2002]

## 21C Breach of corrective work order

Breach of corrective work order

21C.

—(1) If, at any time while a corrective work order is in force in respect of an offender, it appears to the Court on the application of the Director-General that the offender has failed to comply with any of the requirements of section 21B or any regulations made thereunder (including any failure to perform satisfactorily the work which he has been instructed to do), the Court may —

(a) issue a summons requiring the offender to appear before the Court at the place and time specified therein; or

(b) issue a warrant for the arrest of the offender.

[32/92; 4/2002]

(2) If it is proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the offender has failed without reasonable excuse to comply with any of the requirements of section 21B or any regulations made thereunder, the Court may, without prejudice to the continuance of the corrective work order, order him to pay a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or may commit him to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 months.

[32/92]

(3) A fine or term of imprisonment imposed under this section shall be deemed



to be a fine imposed or a sentence of imprisonment passed on conviction.

[32/92]

## 21D Variation and revocation of corrective work order

Variation and revocation of corrective work order

21D.

— (1) Where a corrective work order is in force in respect of any offender and, on the application of the offender or the Director-General, it appears to the Court that it would be in the interests of justice to do so having regard to circumstances which have arisen since the order was made, the Court may in relation to the order —

(a) reduce the number of hours of work which has been specified in the order under section 21A (2); or

(b) extend the period of 12 months referred to in section 21B (2).

[32/92; 4/2002]

(2) Where such an order is in force and on any such application it appears to the Court that, having regard to such circumstances, it would be in the interests of justice that the order should be revoked or that the offender should be dealt with in some other manner for the offence in respect of which the order was made, the Court may revoke the order or revoke it and deal with the offender as if he had just been convicted of that offence in any manner in which he could have been dealt with for that offence by the Court which made the order had the order not been made.

[32/92]

## 21E Interpretation of sections 21 to 21D

Interpretation of sections 21 to 21D

21E.

In sections 21, 21A, 21B, 21C and 21D —

"corrective work order" means a corrective work order made by a Court under section 21A;

"Court" means a Magistrate' s Court or a District Court;

"offender" means a person who is 16 years of age or above who is convicted of an offence under section 17 or 19;

"supervision officer" means an authorised officer or any other person as the Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, by notification in the *Gazette*, specify to be a supervision officer for the purpose of supervising the performance of work by an offender under a corrective work order.

[32/92; 4/2002]

*Disposal Facilities*

## 22 Provision of public disposal facilities

Provision of public disposal facilities

22.

— (1) The Director-General may —

(a) provide, acquire, construct and maintain disposal facilities (referred to in this Act as public disposal facilities) for the deposit, disposal and treatment of refuse or waste as he may consider necessary; and

(b) make available the facilities to any person upon payment of any fees or charges as may be prescribed.

[4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may —

(a) refuse to accept any refuse or waste brought to any public disposal facility without assigning any reason; or

(b) accept refuse or waste of such description or kind upon such terms and conditions as he may consider necessary.

[4/2002]

## 23 No disposal facility to be constructed etc. without licence

No disposal facility to be constructed, etc., without licence

23.

— (1) No person shall construct, establish, maintain or operate any disposal facility without a waste disposal licence granted by the Director-General under this section.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may grant a licence authorising any person to construct, establish, maintain or operate any disposal facility.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(3) A licence may be granted under this section following a public tender or in such other manner as the Director-General thinks fit.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(4) Except as otherwise prescribed under section 99 (9), the Director-General may require any waste disposal licensee to render a payment on the grant of a licence under this section or such periodic payments during the currency of the licence or both of such amount or amounts as the Director-General may determine by or under the licence.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(5) Without prejudice to the generality of section 99 (1), conditions attached to a licence granted under this section may include —

(a) a condition requiring the licensee to comply with such standard of service and level of performance as the Director-General may specify;

(b) the right of the Director-General in the public interest to make modifications to any condition of the licence or add new conditions during the period to which the licence relates;

(c) a condition regulating the charge to be levied by the licensee for the provision of the waste disposal facility; and

(d) a condition requiring the licensee not to accept any waste which in the opinion of the Director-General is not suitable for disposal.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(6) The Director-General may by notice in writing require any owner or occupier of any work place to construct, establish, maintain or operate any disposal facility.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(7) Any person using, working or operating a disposal facility shall use, work or operate such facility in such manner as the Director-General may require.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(8) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

[2/96; 22/99]

(9) If in any proceedings for a contravention of subsection (1) it is shown that any premises are being used as a disposal facility, it shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, that the occupier of the premises has constructed, established, maintained or operated the disposal facility.

[2/96]

*Disposal and Treatment of Industrial Waste*

## **24 Prohibition against disposal of industrial waste in unauthorised places**

Prohibition against disposal of industrial waste in unauthorised places

24.

—(1) No person shall dispose of or cause or permit to be disposed of industrial waste in or at any place except in or at a public disposal facility or a disposal facility established pursuant to a licence granted by the Director-General under section 23 (1).

[2/96; 4/2002]

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 and to imprisonment for a term of not less than one month and not more than 12 months.

[2/96]

(3) For the purposes of this Act, a person is said to dispose of industrial waste if he burns, sells, gives away, discards, dumps, incinerates, deposits, processes, recycles, throws or treats such waste and “disposal” shall be construed accordingly.

## **25 Proper storage of industrial waste**

Proper storage of industrial waste

25.

The occupier of any work place where industrial waste is being produced shall keep or store the waste before disposal in a proper and efficient manner so as not to create a nuisance or to cause any risk, harm or injury to persons or animals or is likely to pollute the environment.

## **26 Notice requiring periodic removal of industrial waste from premises**

Notice requiring periodic removal of industrial waste from premises

26.

— (1) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the occupier of any work place to remove periodically industrial waste from such premises to a disposal facility.

[4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require any occupier upon whom a notice has been served under subsection (1) to furnish evidence that the industrial waste from the premises has been disposed of at a disposal facility in accordance with the notice.

[4/2002]

## **27 Furnishing of information on industrial waste**

Furnishing of information on industrial waste

27.

The Director-General may, by notice in writing from time to time, require the owner or occupier of any work place to furnish him with any information on the amount, type and nature of any industrial waste produced in such place and such other particulars as may be specified in the notice.

[4/2002]

## **28 Industrial waste brought to disposal facility to**



## be recycled or treated

Industrial waste brought to disposal facility to be recycled or treated

28.

The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the occupier of any work place to recycle or treat any industrial waste found or produced in those premises at his own expense before it is brought to any disposal facility for disposal.

[2/96; 4/2002]

## 29 Dangerous substance or toxic industrial waste not to be brought to disposal facility without permission

Dangerous substance or toxic industrial waste not to be brought to disposal facility without permission

29.

— (1) No person who owns or is in possession of any dangerous substance or toxic industrial waste or the residue from the treatment thereof shall bring or cause to be brought such substance or waste to any disposal facility for disposal without the written permission of the Director-General.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(2) An application for the written permission referred to in subsection (1) shall be made to the Director-General giving details of the nature and composition of the dangerous substance or toxic industrial waste and the residue thereof.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(3) In granting the permission under subsection (1), the Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner or the person in possession of the dangerous substance or toxic industrial waste to treat such substance or waste at his own expense before it is brought to any disposal facility for disposal.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(4) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

[2/96]

(5) Any waste disposal licensee who knowingly allows any dangerous substance or any toxic industrial waste or the residue from the treatment thereof to be disposed of at the disposal facility in contravention of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

[2/96]

## **30 Excessive production of toxic industrial waste**

Excessive production of toxic industrial waste

30.

Where in the opinion of the Director-General the quantity of toxic industrial waste produced in any work place is or is likely to be excessive or unduly toxic, he may by notice require the occupier of the work place to —

- (a) alter the method of operation or process used in the work place;
- (b) alter, install, repair or replace any device, equipment or plant used in the work place;
- (c) use other materials or substances other than those used in the work place;  
or
- (d) take such other steps as may be necessary to reduce the quantity or toxicity of such waste.

[4/2002]

## **31 Licensing of persons carrying on business of collecting removing etc. of refuse or waste**

Licensing of persons carrying on business of collecting, removing, etc., of refuse or waste

31.

— (1) No person shall carry on the business of collecting, removing, transporting, storing or importing refuse or waste of any description without a waste collector licence granted by the Director-General under this section.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may grant a licence authorising any person to carry on the business of collecting, removing, transporting, storing or importing refuse or waste of any description.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(3) The Director-General may designate any person who has been granted a licence under this section as a public waste collector licensee.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(4) A licence may be granted under this section following a public tender or in such other manner as the Director-General thinks fit.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(5) Except as otherwise prescribed under section 99 (9), the Director-General may require any licensee to render a payment on the grant of a licence under this section or such periodic payments during the currency of the licence or both of such amount or amounts as the Director-General may determine by or under the licence.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(6) Without prejudice to the generality of section 99 (1), conditions attached to a licence granted under this section may include —

(a) a condition requiring the licensee to comply with such standard of service and level of performance as the Director-General may specify;

(b) a condition restricting, in a manner specified in the licence, the provision by the licensee of the service of collecting and removing refuse or waste to premises which are of a class or description so specified and to the area so specified;

(c) the right of the Director-General in the public interest to make modifications to any condition of the licence or add new conditions during the period to which the licence relates; and

(d) a condition regulating the charge to be levied by the licensee for the provision of the service of collecting and removing refuse or waste.

[2/96; 4/2002]

(7) Any person who collects or transports refuse or waste of any description shall ensure that the refuse or waste or liquid from such refuse or waste is not dropped, scattered or spilled onto any public place.

[2/96]

(8) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

[2/96]

# PART IV FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, MARKETS AND HAWKERS

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### 32 Food establishments to be licensed

Food establishments to be licensed

32.

— (1) No person shall operate or use or knowingly permit a food establishment to be used for any of the purposes specified in the First Schedule without first obtaining a licence from the Director-General.

[4/2002]

(2) Upon any conviction under subsection (1), the Director-General may, by order in writing addressed to the convicted person, require that the place or premises or any part thereof where the offence took place shall no longer be operated or used as a food establishment as from such date as the Director-General shall specify in the order.

[4/2002]

(3) Where the convicted person fails to comply with any order under subsection (2), the Director-General —

(a) may take steps or measures as are necessary to ensure that the order is complied with; and

(b) shall be entitled to recover from that person the costs and expenses incurred by the Director-General in doing so.

[4/2002]

### 33 Licensing of hawkers operating from stalls etc.

Licensing of hawkers operating from stalls, etc.

33.

No person shall —

(a) hawk, sell or expose for sale any food or goods of any kind; or

(b) set up or use any stall, table, showboard, vehicle or receptacle for the purpose of hawking, selling or exposing for sale any food or goods of any kind,

in any street or part thereof or in any premises or public place without first obtaining a licence from the Director-General.

[4/2002]

## 34 Licensing of itinerant hawkers

Licensing of itinerant hawkers

34.

— (1) No person shall act as an itinerant hawker without first obtaining a licence from the Director-General.

[4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may, subject to such conditions as he may think fit, permit licensed itinerant hawkers to occupy stationary positions for such period as he may think fit on such site or sites as may from time to time be approved by him for this purpose.

[4/2002]

(3) The Director-General may prohibit itinerant hawkers from hawking in such place or places as he may think fit.

[4/2002]

## 35 Director-General may issue temporary permits

Director-General may issue temporary permits

35.



No person shall promote, organise or stage any temporary fair, stage show or other such function or activity without first obtaining a permit from the Director-General.

[4/2002]

## 36 Licences for private markets

Licences for private markets

36.

No person shall use any building, situation or place as a private market without first obtaining a licence from the Director-General.

[4/2002]

## 37 Persons with infectious diseases not to carry on business

Persons with infectious diseases not to carry on business

37.

— (1) The Director-General may require any person to whom a licence has been issued under this Part (referred to in this Act as a licensee) or any assistant or employee of the licensee or any applicant for a licence under this Part to submit to medical examination.

[4/2002]

(2) If such licensee, assistant, employee or applicant is suffering from or is suspected to be suffering from an infectious disease or is suspected to be a carrier thereof, the Director-General may require him to undergo treatment.

[4/2002]

(3) The Director-General may require that treatment to be obtained at any hospital as he may think fit.

[4/2002]

(4) The Director-General may require any licensee or any assistant or employee of the licensee to submit to immunisation against any infectious disease.

[4/2002]

(5) Every licensee shall ensure that his assistant or any person employed by him is immunised against any infectious disease as required by the Director-General.

[4/2002]

(6) The Director-General may, at any time, revoke or suspend any licence issued under this Part if —

(a) the licensee is suffering from an infectious disease;

(b) the licensee knowingly employs any person who is suffering from or is suspected to be suffering from an infectious disease;

(c) the licensee, his assistant or employee refuses to comply with any requisition made by the Director-General under subsection (1), (2) or (3); and

(d) the licensee does not comply with subsection (5).

[4/2002]

## 38 Unauthorised structures

Unauthorised structures

38.

— (1) No licensee, stall-holder or other person shall erect any extension or effect any extension to any stall, shed or other place in or out of any food establishment without the permission of the Director-General or cause any obstruction in any of the passageways or other places therein.

[4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require any person who contravenes subsection (1) to remove any erection, structure or obstruction within a period specified in the notice.

[4/2002]

## 39 Cleanliness of markets and stalls

Cleanliness of markets and stalls

39.

— (1) Every licensee of a private market shall keep the market in a clean and sanitary condition.

(2) Every licensee of a stall shall keep his stall and the immediate vicinity thereof in a clean and sanitary condition.

(3) Where, in the opinion of the Director-General, a licensee of a private market or a stall-holder has failed to comply with subsection (1) or (2), as the case may be, the Director-General may, by notice in writing, require such licensee, within such period as may be specified therein to take such steps as the Director-General may think fit for the purpose of complying with those subsections.

[4/2002]

## 40 Articles of food unfit for human consumption

Articles of food unfit for human consumption

40.

— (1) No person shall, without lawful excuse, have in his possession for sale by retail any article of food intended for human consumption which is unsound or unfit for human consumption.

[4/2002]

(2) The Director-General or an authorised officer may at all reasonable times —

(a) enter into and inspect any place which is used, or which he has reasonable grounds for believing to be used —

(i) for the sale by retail of articles of food intended for human consumption; or

(ii) for the preparation or storage of such articles intended for sale; and

(b) search any cart or vehicle or any basket, sack, bag, parcel or receptacle which he has reasonable grounds for believing to contain for sale by retail articles of food intended for human consumption and may examine any such

articles which are therein.

[4/2002]

(3) If it appears to the Director-General or an authorised officer that any such article of food is unsound or unfit for human consumption, the article may be seized by the Director-General or authorised officer.

[4/2002]

(4) Any article of food seized may be kept or stored in the place or premises where it was seized or may at the direction of the Director-General or an authorised officer be removed to any other place or, where the article is likely to decay or is deleterious to health, be destroyed.

[4/2002]

(5) A certificate signed by the Director-General shall be accepted by a Magistrate's Court as sufficient evidence that any article of food seized was unsound or unfit for human consumption at the time of seizure.

[4/2002]

(6) A person claiming any article of food seized under this section may within 48 hours after the seizure complain thereof to a Magistrate's Court.

(7) Such complaint may be heard and determined by the Magistrate's Court, which may either confirm or disallow the seizure wholly or in part, or may order any article of food seized to be returned to the owner and may order payment to be made to the owner of the article of such amount as the Court considers will compensate him for any loss or depreciation resulting from the seizure.

(8) If within 48 hours after such seizure no complaint has been made, or if such seizure is confirmed, every article of food seized shall become the property of the Agency and shall be destroyed or otherwise disposed of so as to prevent the article from being used for human consumption.

[4/2002]

(9) No person shall obstruct the Director-General or an authorised officer in the exercise of his powers under this section or tamper with any article of food kept or stored in any place or premises under subsection (4).

[4/2002]

## **41 Cleanliness of vehicles equipment etc.**

Cleanliness of vehicles, equipment, etc.

41.

— (1) Any person who uses a vehicle for the transportation of food shall ensure that the surface of the vehicle with which the food is likely to come into contact is kept in a state of cleanliness, good order and condition so as to prevent any risk of contamination of the food.

(2) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require any person who uses a vehicle to transport food to use or install in or on the vehicle any device or equipment as he thinks fit to ensure that the food carried in or on the vehicle will not be contaminated.

[4/2002]

## 42 Notice to attend Court

Notice to attend Court

42.

— (1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Part shall be guilty of an offence and may be arrested without warrant by any police officer or authorised officer and taken before a Magistrate's Court and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$4,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.

[4/2002]

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) or any other written law for the time being in force, any police officer or authorised officer, who, having effected an arrest in accordance with subsection (1), is satisfied as to the identity, name and place of residence of the person arrested, may, instead of taking him before a Magistrate's Court or to a police station serve upon that person a notice in such form as may be prescribed under section 108 requiring him to attend at the Court described at the hour and on the date specified in the notice.

[4/2002]

(3) For the purpose of satisfying himself as to the identity of the person arrested, the police officer or authorised officer may require the person arrested to furnish such evidence of identity as he may consider necessary.



[4/2002]

(4) A duplicate of the notice served under subsection (2) shall be prepared by the police officer or authorised officer, as the case may be, and produced by him to a Magistrate' s Court if so required by the Court.

[4/2002]

(5) On an accused person appearing before a Magistrate' s Court in pursuance of such a notice, the Court shall take cognizance of the offence alleged and shall proceed as though he were produced before it under subsection (1).

(6) If a person upon whom a notice under subsection (2) has been served fails to appear before a Magistrate' s Court in accordance with the notice, the Court shall thereupon issue a warrant for the arrest of that person.

(7) Upon a person arrested in pursuance of a warrant issued under subsection (6) being produced before it, a Magistrate' s Court shall —

(a) proceed as though he were produced before it under subsection (1); and

(b) at the conclusion of the proceedings call upon him to show cause why he should not be punished for failing to attend in compliance with the notice served upon him and if cause is not shown may order him to pay such penalty not exceeding \$2,000 as the Court may think fit or may commit him to prison for a term not exceeding 2 months.

(8) Any stall, together with any appliances and utensils relating thereto and the food or goods intended or exposed for sale, whether or not they appear to be abandoned, belonging or appearing to belong to or in the possession of a person appearing to be committing or to have committed an offence under this Part may be seized by any police officer or authorised officer and removed to and detained in any police station or such other place as may be approved by the Director-General at the risk of the owner, to abide the directions of a Magistrate' s Court.

[4/2002]

(9) If any money is found, together with any food, articles, appliances or utensils seized under subsection (8), the money shall be deemed to be lawfully seized.

(10) Any money seized under subsection (9) if it is claimed within 48 hours after such seizure by the owner thereof shall be returned to the owner whether or not he is licensed under this Part.

(11) Any cooked or uncooked food or perishable articles or goods, seized and removed under subsection (8) and likely to decay may be disposed of

immediately.

(12) If any abandoned articles or goods so seized and detained, other than cooked or uncooked food or perishable articles or goods already disposed of, are claimed within 48 hours after the seizure by the owner thereof, being a person licensed or otherwise lawfully entitled to set up or sell the articles or goods at the place at which the articles or goods were seized, such abandoned articles or goods shall be returned to him.

(13) Every seizure shall, except when the articles, goods or money have been returned to the owner, be reported to a Magistrate' s Court.

(14) The Magistrate' s Court shall, on convicting any person of an offence under subsection (1) or on receiving a report in respect of any abandoned articles which were apparently being used in connection with the sale of food or goods, order the property seized under subsection (8) to be forfeited and to be disposed of in such manner as the Court may think fit.

(15) The Magistrate' s Court may, on receiving a report in respect of any abandoned articles which were not apparently being used in connection with the sale of food or goods, order the property seized under subsection (8) to be forfeited and to be disposed of in such manner as the Court may think fit.

(16) If the Magistrate' s Court directs the sale of any article, the proceeds or such part thereof as the Court may think fit shall be paid to the Agency and the balance, if any, paid to the owner.

[4/2002]

(17) The Magistrate' s Court may, on convicting any person for an offence under subsection (1), order any money seized under subsection (9) to be returned to him if he satisfies the Court that he is the owner thereof.

(18) The Magistrate' s Court shall, on convicting any person for an offence under subsection (1) and such person does not satisfy the Court that he is the owner of any money seized under subsection (9) or, on receiving a report in respect of any abandoned money, order such money to be forfeited and paid to the Agency .

[4/2002]

(19) This section shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to any person who contravenes any regulations made under this Act for the control of matters under this Part.

# PART V PUBLIC NUISANCES

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### 43 Public nuisances to be abated

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43.

The Director-General may take such steps as he may consider necessary to remove or abate all nuisances of a public nature and may, if he considers that the circumstances so warrant, proceed at law against any person committing any such nuisance.

[4/2002]

### 44 Nuisances liable to be dealt with summarily

Nuisances liable to be dealt with summarily

44.

For the purposes of this Act, the following shall be nuisances liable to be dealt with summarily under this Act:

- (a) any premises or part thereof of such a construction or in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health;
- (b) any pool, gutter, watercourse, earth-closet, cesspool, sewer, drain or sanitary conveniences in a foul state or so situate as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health;
- (c) the keeping of any animal, bird, poultry or carcass in such place or manner or in such numbers as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health;
- (d) any dust, effluvia, accumulation or deposit which is a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health;

- (e) the issue of any fumes, vapours, gases, heat, radiation or smells in any premises which is a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health;
- (f) any well, pool or other source, the water from which is used or likely to be used for human consumption and which is so polluted or is likely to become so polluted as to be injurious or dangerous to health;
- (g) any tank or receptacle or article capable of containing water or any well, pool, watercourse, ditch or low marshy ground which is injurious to health or offensive to the neighbourhood;
- (h) any factory or work place which is not kept in a clean state and free from effluvia arising from any sewer, drain, privy, latrine, earth-closet, urinal or other nuisance;
- (i) any place where there exists, or is likely to exist, any condition giving rise, or capable of giving rise to the breeding of flies or mosquitoes;
- (j) any furnace, chimney, fire place or other place from which is emitted smoke or other unconsumed combustible matter in such quantity or in such a manner as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health;
- (k) any brick-field, sandpit or any other kind of excavation which is injurious to health or offensive to the neighbourhood or is used for any purpose likely to be injurious to health;
- (l) any machinery, plant or any method or process used in any premises which causes a nuisance or is dangerous to public health or safety;
- (m) any place where there occurs, or from which there emanates noise or vibration as to amount to a nuisance; or
- (n) any other matter declared by this Act to be a nuisance liable to be dealt with summarily.

## 45 Nuisance order

Nuisance order

45.

— (1) On receipt of any information respecting the existence of a nuisance

liable to be dealt with summarily under this Act, the Director-General may, if satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, serve a nuisance order on the person by whose act, default or sufferance the nuisance arises or continues, or if the person cannot be found, on the owner or occupier of the premises on which the nuisance arises.

[4/2002]

(2) A nuisance order may —

(a) require works to be executed or things to be done that are necessary to abate the nuisance;

(b) require works to be executed or things to be done that are necessary to prevent the recurrence of the nuisance notwithstanding that the nuisance has for the time being been abated;

(c) require the stoppage of any work either indefinitely or until such time as the steps which may be specified in the order have been taken to abate or prevent the recurrence of the nuisance; or

(d) prohibit a dwelling-house from being used for human habitation.

(3) A nuisance order shall, if the Director-General thinks it desirable, specify the works to be executed by any person under subsection (2).

[4/2002]

(4) Where the person causing the nuisance cannot be found and it is clear that the nuisance does not arise or continue by the act, default or sufferance of the occupier or the owner of the premises, the Director-General may cause the nuisance to be abated and may do what is necessary to prevent the recurrence of the nuisance.

[4/2002]

(5) Where a nuisance order prohibits a dwelling-house from being used for human habitation, the Director-General may, when satisfied that it has been rendered fit for human habitation, cancel the nuisance order.

[4/2002]

(6) Where a nuisance order prohibiting a dwelling-house from being used for human habitation has not been cancelled, the Director-General, if he is of the opinion that —

(a) the dwelling-house has not been rendered fit for human habitation;

(b) the necessary steps are not being taken with all due diligence to render



it so fit; or

(c) the continuance of the dwelling-house is dangerous or injurious to the health of the public or of the occupants of the neighbouring dwelling-houses, may make a complaint to a Magistrate' s Court.

[4/2002]

(7) A Magistrate' s Court after hearing the complaint may make on the owner a summary order for the demolition of such dwelling-house within the time and date specified in such order.

(8) The order may also contain a direction that the materials of the dwelling-house or any part of such materials shall be destroyed.

(9) Where a nuisance order prohibits a dwelling-house from being used for human habitation, the Director-General shall serve notice of the order on every occupier of the dwelling-house.

(10) Within such period as is specified in the order not being less than 7 days (except in case of immediate danger) after the service of the order under subsection (9), the order shall be obeyed by the occupier and he and his family shall cease to inhabit the dwelling-house, and in default he shall be guilty of an offence and the Magistrate' s Court shall, upon application by the Director-General, make a summary order for his ejection and the order may be carried into effect by any police officer.

[4/2002]

(11) Any person who fails to comply with a nuisance order served on him under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable —

(a) in the case of a first conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$1,000 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction; and

(b) in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$1,000 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

[22/99]

## 46 Execution of order for demolition

46.

— (1) Where an order for the demolition of a dwelling-house has been made under section 45 (7), the owner thereof shall, within the time mentioned in the order, take down and remove the dwelling-house and, if the order for demolition so directs and to the extent therein mentioned, destroy the materials thereof.

(2) If the owner fails to comply with subsection (1), the Director-General or any authorised officer shall proceed to take down and remove the building and, if necessary, destroy the materials, and may recover the costs of such work from the owner.

[4/2002]

(3) Section 93 shall apply to any sum recoverable from any owner under this section.

## PART VI INSANITARY PREMISES, SANITARY CONVENIENCES, GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS

### PART VI

INSANITARY PREMISES, SANITARY CONVENIENCES, GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS *Insanitary Premises*

### 47 Premises in unwholesome state

Premises in unwholesome state

47.

Where the Director-General is of the opinion that any premises, whether tenable or otherwise, or any part thereof are in an unclean, grimy, neglected, unkempt or insanitary condition, he may by an order in writing direct the owner or occupier thereof to take all or any of the following

measures at the expense of that owner or occupier within a time and date to be specified in the order:

(a) remove all rank or noisome vegetation, refuse or other matter within those premises or part thereof, or in the immediate vicinity of those premises, to such place or otherwise dispose of it at such place, as may be specified in the order;

(b) cleanse the premises or part thereof internally or externally, or both internally and externally, and if necessary disinfect it.

[4/2002]

## 48 Destruction of rats wasps bees etc.

Destruction of rats, wasps, bees, etc.

48.

—(1) Where the Director-General is of the opinion that —

(a) any premises are so infested with rats, mice, insects or other vermin; or

(b) there exist, in any premises, wasps, bees, hornets or other insects capable of stinging and the Director-General is of the opinion that there is a probability, risk or danger that the persons in those premises or in the vicinity thereof may be stung by them, or if any of those persons has been stung by them,

the Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of the premises at his own expense to take such measures as the Director-General may consider necessary, within such time and date as may be specified in the notice, for the destruction of the rats, mice, wasps, bees, hornets or other insects or vermins, for the removal of their breeding places and for preventing their reappearance.

[4/2002]

(2) Where wasps, bees, hornets or other insects capable of stinging exist in any vacant premises and the owner cannot by the exercise of reasonable diligence be found, and the Director-General is of the opinion that persons in the vicinity of the premises are in imminent danger of being stung by them, or if any such persons have been stung by them, he may enter upon the premises and take such measures as he considers necessary for their destruction, for

the removal of their breeding places and for preventing their reappearance.

[4/2002]

(3) The costs and expenses incurred under subsection (2) shall be borne by the Agency.

[4/2002]

## 49 Closing and demolition etc. of insanitary dwellings

Closing and demolition, etc., of insanitary dwellings

49.

— (1) Where the Director-General is of the opinion that any building or part thereof or anything attached to a building used or occupied as a dwelling-house is unfit for human habitation and cannot be rendered fit therefor without the removal, alteration or demolition in whole or in part of any partition, compartment, loft, gallery, pent-roof, out-house or other structure or erection or without the execution of such alterations or structural operations as he may specify, the Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner thereof to carry into effect all or any of the following:

(a) the removal, alteration or demolition of the whole or a part of the partitions or other erections or obstructions complained of;

(b) the execution of such operations or structural alterations as are necessary to render the premises fit for human habitation and to guard against danger of disease.

[4/2002]

(2) The notice shall give not less than 24 hours in advance for the commencement of the operation enjoined and shall specify the period within which the operation shall be completed.

(3) No person shall, without the express permission in writing of the Director-General, replace any partition, erection or obstruction removed under subsection (1) and the Director-General or any authorised officer may enter upon such premises and remove such partition, erection or obstruction.

[4/2002]

(4) The Director-General may also, by notice to be posted in a conspicuous

position upon the building, require the owner or occupier, as the case may be, to cease to inhabit the building and to remove all goods, furniture and effects from the building within 48 hours from the posting of the notice.

[4/2002]

(5) The owner and every occupying tenant shall thereupon comply with the requirements of the notice.

(6) At the expiration of 48 hours from the posting of the notice mentioned in subsection (4), the Director-General or any authorised officer may remove all goods, furniture and effects from the building.

[4/2002]

## 50 Overcrowding of houses

Overcrowding of houses

50.

No person shall permit a house to be so overcrowded as in the opinion of the Director-General to be injurious or dangerous to the health of the residents thereof.

[4/2002]

*Sanitary Conveniences, Drains, Sewers and Wells*

## 51 Public toilets

Public toilets

51.

The Director-General may provide and maintain in proper and convenient situations toilets for public use and may charge a fee for the use of any such toilets or may license such toilets for such periods and on payment of such fees as he may think fit.

[4/2002]

## 52 Insufficient and defective sanitary conveniences



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52.

— (1) If it appears to the Director-General that —

(a) any building or part thereof is without sufficient sanitary conveniences;  
or

(b) any sanitary conveniences provided for or in connection with a building or part thereof are in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance and cannot without reconstruction be put into a satisfactory condition,

the Director-General shall, by notice in writing to the owner of the building, require him to provide the building or any part thereof with such sanitary conveniences as may be necessary for the use of persons using the building.

[4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may, in his discretion, by notice in writing to the owner of any building or part thereof, require him to re-site any toilet attached thereto.

[4/2002]

## 53 Repairs

Repairs

53.

If it appears to the Director-General that any sanitary conveniences provided for or in connection with a building or part thereof are in such a state as to be defective or prejudicial to health or a nuisance, but that they can without reconstruction be put into a satisfactory condition, the Director-General shall, by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of the building to execute such works or to take such steps by cleansing the sanitary conveniences or otherwise as may be necessary for that purpose.

[4/2002]

## 54 Sanitary conveniences in work premises or work

# place

Sanitary conveniences in work premises or work place

54.

— (1) Any premises which are used as work premises or work place shall be provided —

(a) with adequate sanitary conveniences sited at such locations as the Director-General may think fit, having regard to the number of persons employed in, or in attendance at, the work premises or work place; and

(b) where persons of both sexes are employed or in attendance, with adequate separate sanitary conveniences for persons of each sex, unless the Director-General is satisfied that in the circumstances of any particular case the provision of such separate sanitary conveniences is unnecessary.

[4/2002]

(2) If it appears to the Director-General that subsection (1) has not been complied with in the case of any work premises or work place, he shall, by notice in writing, require the owner or the occupier of the work premises or work place, as the case may be, to —

(a) make such alterations in the existing sanitary conveniences; and

(b) provide such additional sanitary conveniences as may be necessary.

[4/2002]

## 55 Care of sanitary conveniences

Care of sanitary conveniences

55.

— (1) The owner and the occupier of every building in or in connection with which a toilet or urinal is provided shall cause the flushing apparatus thereof to be kept supplied with water sufficient for flushing.

(2) Where sanitary conveniences are used in common by the members of 2 or more

families or by members of the public or by employees, the owner, occupier, chief or principal tenant or the person in charge of the building concerned, as the case may be, shall maintain such sanitary conveniences in a clean and hygienic manner without causing any nuisance to sight or smell.

## 56 Inadequate bathroom facilities

Inadequate bathroom facilities

56.

If it appears to the Director-General that any building or part thereof is without any bathroom or without adequate facilities for bathing, he may, by notice in writing to the owner of the building, require him to provide the building with one or more bathrooms or with such facilities for bathing as the Director-General may consider adequate.

[4/2002]

## 57 Construction and maintenance of private drains

Construction and maintenance of private drains

57.

— (1) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner of any land or the owner of adjoining lands, at the expense of the owner to —

(a) construct such drain or number of drains as the Director-General may consider necessary in accordance with such specifications as he may think fit; and

(b) maintain and keep in a clean and sanitary condition any drain or drains so constructed or any other existing drain or drains in such land.

[4/2002]

(2) For the purpose of ensuring a free flow of water, the Director-General may cause one or more drains to be constructed through, across or under any land after giving notice in writing in that behalf to the owner thereof, doing as little damage as may be and making full compensation for any damage done.

(3) If any dispute arises concerning the amount or apportionment of compensation, it shall be settled in the manner provided in section 89.

## **58 Drains etc. to be kept in order at cost of owners**

Drains, etc., to be kept in order at cost of owners

58.

— (1) All drains or any appurtenance thereof shall be altered, repaired and kept in proper order at the expense of the owners of the land and buildings to which the drains or appurtenance belong or for the use of which they are maintained.

(2) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner of any land or building to alter, repair or put any drain or any appurtenance thereof in good order in the manner required by him.

[4/2002]

(3) In any case where an authorised officer is satisfied that an emergency exists and that it is necessary immediately to alter, repair or put in good order and condition any drain or any appurtenance thereto, the authorised officer may —

(a) enter with such assistants and workmen as are necessary upon any land or building; and

(b) do or cause to be done such alterations, repairs, works, acts or things as are necessary for any of the purposes under this subsection.

[4/2002]

(4) The expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in so doing may be recovered from the person who is the owner of the land or building when the work is completed, and in default of agreement the amount of such expenses may be determined under section 89, and section 92 shall apply to the amount for which judgment is given.

(5) Any person who constructs, rebuilds or unstops any drain or any appurtenance thereto, which has been ordered by the Director-General to be demolished or stopped up or not to be made shall be guilty of an offence.

## 59 Restriction on construction of wells etc.

Restriction on construction of wells, etc.

59.

—(1) No person other than the owner or occupier of an agricultural or horticultural holding shall, without the previous permission of the Director-General, open, dig or otherwise construct or permit or allow to be opened, dug or otherwise constructed any well, tank or reservoir, the water in which is likely to be used for drinking, domestic or other purposes.

[4/2002]

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), any well within the curtilage of any dwelling-house shall be deemed to be likely to be used for drinking or domestic purposes.

(3) If the owner or occupier of any agricultural or horticultural holding opens, digs or otherwise constructs or permits or allows to be opened, dug or otherwise constructed any well, tank or reservoir, he shall report the opening, digging or construction of the well, tank or reservoir, as the case may be, within one month thereof to the Director-General.

[4/2002]

(4) The Director-General may give to the owner or occupier of any premises notice to close any well, tank or reservoir, the water in which is likely to be used for drinking or domestic purposes and may by the notice specify any works to be executed for such purpose within a time and date to be specified in the notice, and the owner or occupier shall comply with the terms of such notice.

[4/2002]

*General Health Requirements for Buildings*

## 60 Buildings to which public has access to be kept clean

Buildings to which public has access to be kept clean



60.

— (1) The owner, occupier or lessee of any building or any part thereof to which the public has access shall —

(a) regularly clean and keep clean and in good repair the building or part thereof; and

(b) keep the building or part thereof free of such conditions as may endanger the lives or health of his employees, members of the public and other users thereof.

(2) Where, in the opinion of the Director-General, the owner, occupier or lessee of any such building or part thereof fails to comply with subsection (1) (a) or (b), the Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner, occupier or lessee within such period as may be specified therein to take such steps as the Director-General may think fit.

[4/2002]

(3) In the case of an air-conditioned building or part thereof, the Director-General may, by notice in writing —

(a) prescribe temperature and humidity controls for such air-conditioned building or part thereof; and

(b) require the owner, occupier or lessee of the building or part thereof —

(i) to install automatic devices for recording the temperature and humidity level in the building or part thereof; and

(ii) to keep such records and charts of the temperature and humidity level in such building or part thereof as the Director-General may direct for the inspection of the Director-General.

[4/2002]

## **61 Director-General may require employers to provide mess rooms etc.**

Director-General may require employers to provide mess rooms, etc.

61.

The Director-General may, in his discretion, by notice in writing, require any employer to provide for his employees, if in the opinion of the Director-General the conditions or circumstances under which such employees work so warrant, suitable and sufficient facilities by way of mess rooms, rest rooms, canteens, changing rooms or pantries or to improve upon the same if the Director-General considers the existing facilities inadequate.

[4/2002]

## 62 Appointment of Environmental Control Officer in construction site

Appointment of Environmental Control Officer in construction site

62.

—(1) This section shall apply to such class or description of construction sites as the Agency may, with the approval of the Minister by order published in the *Gazette*, specify.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(2) The occupier of any construction site to which this section applies shall employ a competent person to act as an Environmental Control Officer in the construction site.

[22/99]

(3) The Environmental Control Officer employed under this section shall be employed on a full-time or part-time basis, as may be specified in the order under subsection (1), for the purpose of exercising general supervision within the construction sites of the observance of the provisions of this Act, the Control of Vectors and Pesticides Act (Cap. 59), the Environmental Protection and Management Act (Cap. 94A) and the Sewerage and Drainage Act (Cap. 294) and any regulations made thereunder.

[22/99]

(4) The Environmental Control Officer shall possess such qualifications or have received such training as the Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe.

[22/99; 4/2002]

## PART VII SWIMMING POOLS

### PART VII

## 63 Licensing of swimming pools

Licensing of swimming pools

63.

No person shall establish, manage, operate or run a swimming pool without first obtaining a licence from the Director-General.

[4/2002]

## 64 Closure of swimming pools

Closure of swimming pools

64.

— (1) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner or person in charge of any swimming pool to close the swimming pool within a specified time if —

(a) he fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Part or of any regulations pertaining to swimming pools; or

(b) there is an outbreak of an infectious disease which may endanger the health of any person using the swimming pool.

[4/2002]

(2) Upon the receipt from the Director-General of any such notice, the owner or person in charge shall close the swimming pool within such time as is specified in the notice.

[4/2002]

(3) Upon compliance by the owner or person in charge with the provisions that he has contravened as specified in such notice or upon the cessation of the infectious disease, as the case may be, the Director-General shall, by notice in writing, grant permission to the owner or person in charge for the reopening of the swimming pool.

## 65 Penalty for offence under this Part

Penalty for offence under this Part

65.

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Part shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.

## 66 Application to Government swimming pools

Application to Government swimming pools

66.

Section 64 shall also apply to swimming pools owned by the Government.

# PART VIII FUNERAL PARLOURS, CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA

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FUNERAL PARLOURS, CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA

## 67 Licensing of funeral parlours cemeteries and crematoria

Licensing of funeral parlours, cemeteries and crematoria

67.

No person shall establish, use, manage, operate or run any premises as a funeral parlour, cemetery or crematoria without first obtaining a licence from

the Director-General.

[4/2002]

## **68 Corpse of person dying of infectious diseases**

Corpse of person dying of infectious diseases

68.

No licensee of any funeral parlour shall receive the corpse of any person who has died of any of the infectious diseases set out in the Second Schedule without the permission in writing of the Director-General who may grant permission for such corpse to be so received subject to such terms and conditions as he may think fit.

[4/2002]

## **69 Corpse not to be retained beyond 48 hours unless encoffined**

Corpse not to be retained beyond 48 hours unless encoffined

69.

— (1) No corpse shall be retained in any premises, including a funeral parlour, for a period longer than 48 hours after death, unless the corpse is encoffined in a hermetically sealed coffin or is embalmed.

(2) So long as such corpse is encoffined in a hermetically sealed coffin or is embalmed, it may be retained in any premises, including a funeral parlour, for a period not exceeding 7 days after death, but where it is intended to retain a corpse for a period exceeding 7 days, the permission in writing of the Director-General shall be obtained.

[4/2002]

## **70 Decomposed corpse**

Decomposed corpse



70.

No corpse in an advanced stage of decomposition shall be received into any funeral parlour unless encoffined in a hermetically sealed coffin.

## **71 Agency may provide cemeteries and crematoria**

Agency may provide cemeteries and crematoria

71.

The Agency may provide suitable places to be used as public cemeteries and crematoria and shall make proper provisions for maintaining them.

[4/2002]

## **72 Places which may be used for burials etc.**

Places which may be used for burials, etc.

72.

— (1) No place shall be used or prepared for the burial or cremation of any corpse except cemeteries or crematoria provided by the Agency or licensed by the Director-General under section 67.

[4/2002]

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Minister may permit the burial at any suitable place of the corpse of any person who in the opinion of the Minister has rendered outstanding or meritorious service to Singapore.

## **73 Unlawful burials**

Unlawful burials

73.

— (1) No person shall bury or cremate or cause or procure or suffer to be buried or cremated any corpse in or upon any place, not being a place where

burial or cremation is permitted under this Act or prepare any such place to be used for the burial or cremation of any corpse.

(2) The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require any person who has been convicted of an offence under this section to remove within 14 days —

(a) the corpse in respect of the unlawful interment of which he has been convicted from the place in which it has been buried to a lawful burial ground; and

(b) any structure which has been erected at such place.

[4/2002]

(3) If, within 14 days, the person convicted produces to the Director-General a licence granted under section 67, the notice may be cancelled.

[4/2002]

(4) Any person who refuses or neglects to comply with any such notice shall be guilty of an offence.

(5) The Director-General may proceed to authorise any person to carry the notice into execution at the expense of the person so refusing or so neglecting to comply with the notice and to hire or employ proper persons for that purpose and may recover such expense in the manner provided by law for the levy of fines imposed by a court.

[4/2002]

## 74 Power to close cemeteries etc.

Power to close cemeteries, etc.

74.

— (1) If at any time it appears to the Director-General that —

(a) burials in any cemetery or place of burial should be wholly discontinued;

(b) the cremation of corpses in any crematorium or any place used for the cremation of corpses should be wholly discontinued; or

(c) any cemetery or place of burial, crematorium or any place used for the cremation of corpses or any part thereof is being used in contravention of any

condition of the licence granted in respect of the cemetery or crematorium,

the Director-General may order the cemetery or crematorium or any part thereof to be closed and may revoke the licence thereof and thereafter it shall not be lawful to use the cemetery or crematorium or part thereof, as the case may be, as a place for the burial or cremation of corpses.

[4/2002]

(2) No such closing or revocation shall have effect until it has been confirmed by the Minister.

## 75 Unauthorised structure

Unauthorised structure

75.

— (1) No person shall construct or erect any unauthorised structure in any cemetery or crematorium.

(2) The Director-General shall, by notice in writing, require any person who constructs or erects an unauthorised structure in any cemetery or crematorium to demolish or remove the structure within such period as he may specify, and if the person fails to do so within the period specified, the Director-General may cause the structure to be removed or demolished.

[4/2002]

## 76 Exhumation

Exhumation

76.

— (1) No corpse shall be exhumed otherwise than —

(a) by a notice from the Director-General under section 73;

(b) by order of a Magistrate, Coroner or Commissioner of Police for the purpose of judicial inquiry;

(c) by written permission granted for that purpose by the Director-General;  
and

(d) by the Director-General for the purpose of using the place where the corpse is buried for the burial of another corpse.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(2) Any person who exhumes or causes to be exhumed or, being the owner, trustee or person in charge of any burial ground, permits to be exhumed any corpse in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence.

## **77 Penalty for offence under this Part**

Penalty for offence under this Part

77.

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Part shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.

# **PART IX CONTROL OF PURITY OF WATER SUPPLIES**

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CONTROL OF PURITY OF WATER SUPPLIES

## **78 Water intended for human consumption**

Water intended for human consumption

78.

No person shall sell or offer for sale water intended for human consumption which is polluted or unwholesome.

## **79 Polluted or unwholesome water**

Polluted or unwholesome water

79.

The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require any person or authority who or which sells or offers for sale water which is polluted or unwholesome to cease to sell or offer for sale that water to any area or premises if he is of the opinion that the quality of the water sold or offered for sale by any person or authority does not comply with any standards prescribed in any regulations made under this Act.

[4/2002]

## 80 Regulations on standard of quality etc. of water supplied

Regulations on standard of quality, etc., of water supplied

80.

The Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations to prescribe the standards relating to the wholesomeness, purity or quality of water supplied in any area or premises.

[4/2002]

## PART X ENFORCEMENT

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### 81 Power to enter upon lands for purposes of Act

Power to enter upon lands for purposes of Act

81.



— (1) The Director-General or any authorised officer may, for the purposes of this Act, enter between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. into and upon any premises in order to make any survey, inspection or search or to execute any work authorised by this Act without being liable to any legal proceedings or molestation on account of such entry or of anything done in any part of those premises.

[4/2002]

(2) No person shall, except with the consent of the occupier thereof, enter any house by virtue of the powers conferred by subsection (1) without at least 3 hours previous notice being given to the occupier thereof, if any.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where it is necessary and expedient to make any survey, inspection or search or to execute any work authorised by this Act outside the hours specified in subsection (1), the Director-General or any authorised officer may enter any premises by giving at least 6 hours previous notice to the owner or occupier of the premises thereof.

[4/2002]

## 82 Penalty for obstruction

Penalty for obstruction

82.

No person shall at any time —

(a) hinder, obstruct or molest the Director-General, any authorised officer or other person in the performance and execution of his duty or of anything which he is respectively empowered, employed or required to do by virtue or in consequence of or under this Act; or

(b) remove any mark, line, sign or other direction drawn or set up for the purpose of this Act.

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[4/2002]

## 83 Director-General may act in cases of emergency

Director-General may act in cases of emergency

83.

In cases of emergency, the Director-General may direct the immediate execution of any work or the doing of any act being any work or act authorised under this Act which is in the opinion of the Director-General necessary for public health or for the safety of the public.

[84  
[4/2002]

## 84 Appeal to Minister against notice order or decision

Appeal to Minister against notice, order or decision

84.

—(1) Any person who is aggrieved by any notice, order or decision of the Director-General may within 7 days of the notice, order or decision appeal in writing to the Minister whereupon the execution of the notice, order or decision shall be stayed.

[4/2002]

(2) The Minister may confirm, vary or rescind the notice or order or direct that the thing shall be proceeded with, varied or abandoned, as the case may be, or make any order which the Director-General is competent to make and the decision of the Minister shall be final.

[87  
[4/2002]

## 85 Default in compliance with notice

Default in compliance with notice

85.

—(1) When any notice or order under this Act requires any act to be done or work to be executed by the owner or occupier or the person in charge of any premises and default is made in complying with the requirements of the notice or order, the person in default shall, where no fine is specially provided for

such default, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

[22/99]

(2) When any such notice or order requires any act to be done or work to be executed for which no time is fixed by this Act, it shall fix a reasonable time for complying with the requirements.

(3) Where any person who has been served with any notice or order fails to comply therewith, the Director-General may, without prejudice to any proceedings under subsection (1), at the expiration of the period specified in the notice or order execute the works as are specified in the notice or order and may recover from that person the expenses reasonably incurred in so doing in the manner provided in section 89.

[4/2002]

(4) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the Director-General from carrying out any works specified in any such notice or order at the request of a person who has been served with the notice or order upon an undertaking by that person to pay the costs and expenses in executing the works.

[88

[4/2002]

## **86 Authorised officers may demand names and addresses in certain cases**

Authorised officers may demand names and addresses in certain cases

86.

— (1) Any person who is charged by any police officer or authorised officer with any offence under this Act shall on demand give his name and address and other proof of identity to the police officer or authorised officer, if so required.

[4/2002]

(2) The occupier of any premises shall, if required by any police officer or authorised officer, give his name and other proof of identity and the name and address of the owner of the premises, if known.

[4/2002]

(3) Any person who contravenes this section or wilfully mis-states his name and address or the name and address of the owner of any premises shall be

guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$300.

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## 87 Power of investigating offences under sections 20 and 23

Power of investigating offences under sections 20 and 23

87.

— (1) For the purpose of investigating any offence under section 20 or 23, the Director-General or any authorised officer may —

(a) examine orally any person supposed to be acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case, and to reduce to writing any statement made by the person so examined; and

(b) require by order in writing the attendance before himself of any person who, from information given or otherwise, appears to be acquainted with the facts and circumstances concerning the case and that person shall attend as so required.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(2) The person mentioned in subsection (1) (a) shall be bound to state truly the facts and circumstances with which he is acquainted concerning the case except only that he may decline to make with regard to any fact or circumstance a statement which would have a tendency to expose him to a criminal charge or to penalty or forfeiture.

[22/99]

(3) A statement made under this section by any person shall be read over to him and shall, after correction, if necessary, be signed by him.

[22/99]

(4) If any person fails to attend as required by an order under subsection (1) (b), the Director-General or any authorised officer may report such failure to a Magistrate who may thereupon issue a warrant to secure the attendance of that person as required by the order.

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[22/99; 4/2002]

## 88 Powers of arrest

Powers of arrest

88.

— (1) Any police officer or authorised officer may arrest any person committing in his view or who he has reason to believe has committed any offence punishable under this Act if —

- (a) the name and address of the person are unknown to him;
- (b) the person declines to give his name and address; or
- (c) there is reason to doubt the accuracy of the name and address, if given.

[4/2002]

(2) A person arrested under this section may be detained until his name and address are correctly ascertained.

(3) No person arrested under this section shall be detained longer than is necessary for bringing him before a court unless the order of a court for his detention is obtained.

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## **PART XI COMPENSATION, DAMAGES, FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES**

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### **89 Compensation damages fees costs and expenses to be determined by Magistrate' s Court or District Court**

Compensation, damages, fees, costs and expenses to be determined by Magistrate' s Court or District Court

89.

— (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, in all cases when compensation, damages, fees, costs and expenses are by this Act directed to be paid, the



amount and, if necessary, the apportionment of the same and any question of liability shall, in case of dispute or failure to pay, be summarily ascertained and determined by a Magistrate' s Court or, if the amount exceeds \$10,000, by a District Court.

(2) If the amount of compensation, damages, fees, costs or expenses is not paid by the party liable to pay the same within 14 days after demand, that amount may be reported to a Magistrate' s Court and recovered in the same manner as if it were a fine imposed by a Magistrate' s Court.

(3) An appeal shall lie to the High Court from any decision of a Magistrate' s Court or District Court under this section, and the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 68) shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to all such appeals.

## **90 Damage to property of Agency to be made good in addition to penalty**

Damage to property of Agency to be made good in addition to penalty

90.

— (1) If through any act, neglect or default on account whereof any person has incurred any penalty under this Act any damage to Agency property is committed by that person, he shall be liable to make good the damage as well as to pay the penalty.

[4/2002]

(2) The amount of such damage shall, in case of dispute, be determined by the court by which the person incurring the penalty was convicted.

(3) The amount of the damage shall be recovered as if it were a fine imposed by the court.

[85]

## **91 Fees etc. payable to Agency**

Fees, etc., payable to Agency

91.

All fees, charges, composition fines and moneys collected under this Act shall be paid to the Agency.

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[4/2002]

## 92 Recovery of costs and expenses payable by owners

Recovery of costs and expenses payable by owners

92.

— (1) If any sum payable by or recoverable from the owner or occupier in respect of costs and expenses incurred by the Agency in the execution of any work which is, under this Act, recoverable from the owner or occupier of any premises is not paid by the owner or occupier within 14 days after demand that sum may be reported to a Magistrate' s Court or District Court and recovered in the same manner as if it were a fine imposed by a Magistrate' s Court or District Court, as the case may be.

[4/2002]

(2) The person liable to pay any sum under subsection (1) shall be the owner at the time when the work was completed.

(3) Any occupier who, when requested by or on behalf of the Director-General to state the name of the owner of the premises, refuses or wilfully omits to disclose or wilfully mis-states the name of the owner shall, unless he shows cause to the satisfaction of the Magistrate' s Court or the District Court for his refusal or mis-statement, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

[91  
[4/2002]

## 93 Recovery of costs and expenses by instalments

Recovery of costs and expenses by instalments

93.

— (1) When the Director-General has incurred costs and expenses in or about the execution of any work, which are, under this Act, payable by or recoverable from the owner or occupier, the Director-General may —

- (a) recover the costs and expenses in the manner provided in this Act; or
- (b) if he thinks fit, obtain an undertaking from the owner or occupier for the payment by such instalments as will be sufficient to defray the whole amount of the costs and expenses.

[4/2002]

(2) Upon default in payment of any instalment upon the date appointed for payment thereof by any such undertaking, the whole of the balance then outstanding of the amount shall immediately become due and payable and, notwithstanding any change in the ownership or occupation of the premises since the date of the undertaking, may be recovered by the same means and in the like manner as provided in section 92.

[92]

## **94 Liability of transferor of property in respect of costs and expenses incurred by Director-General**

Liability of transferor of property in respect of costs and expenses incurred by Director-General

94.

—(1) Where a person sells or transfers any property in respect of which costs and expenses have been incurred by the Director-General in or about the execution of any work required to be done under this Act and the costs and expenses are recoverable under this Act from the owner thereof, that person shall continue to be liable for the payment of all the costs and expenses payable in respect of the property and for the performance of all other obligations imposed by this Act upon the owner of the property which became payable or were required to be performed prior to the transfer.

[4/2002]

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect the liability of the purchaser or transferee to pay the costs and expenses in respect of the property or the right of the Director-General to recover the costs and expenses or to perform any obligations under this Act.

[93]

[4/2002]

## **95 Limitation of liability to fines and penalties**

Limitation of liability to fines and penalties

95.

Except in any case where by reason of the act or omission complained of, an injury or danger to health subsists at the date of the complaint, no person shall be liable to any fine or penalty under this Act for any offence under this Act unless the complaint respecting the offence is made within one year after the date of the commission of such offence.

[102]

## PART XII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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## 96 Protection from personal liability

Protection from personal liability

96.

— (1) No matter or thing done and no contract of any kind entered into by the Agency or the Director-General and no matter or thing done by any authorised officer or any other person employed in the administration of this Act or acting under the direction of the Agency, the Director-General or authorised officer shall, if the matter or thing was done or the contract was entered into bona fide for the purpose of executing the provisions of this Act, subject them or any of them personally to any action, liability, claim or demand.

[4/2002]

(2) Any expense incurred by such persons acting in accordance with subsection (1) shall be borne by the Agency.

[82]

[4/2002]

## 97 Exemption of agent who has no funds in hand

Exemption of agent who has no funds in hand

97.

— (1) No person receiving the rent of premises as receiver or agent for another person shall be liable to do anything by this Act required to be done by the owner of such premises if, after he or the actual owner has been required to do any work, that person gives notice to the Director-General within 7 days after such requisition has been made, that he has not sufficient funds of the person on whose behalf he is receiving the rents to pay for such work.

[4/2002]

(2) In such case, the Director-General may himself execute the work and the expenses incurred thereby shall be charged and recoverable as provided in section 92.

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[4/2002]

## 98 Service of summons notice etc.

Service of summons, notice, etc.

98.

— (1) Every summons, notice, order or document required or authorised by this Act to be served on any person may be served by —

(a) delivering it to the person or by delivering it at his last known place of residence to some adult member or employee of his family;

(b) leaving it at his usual or last known place of residence or business in a cover addressed to him; or

(c) forwarding it by post in a pre-paid letter addressed to him at his usual or last known place of residence or business.

(2) When any summons, notice, order or document is to be served on any incorporated company or body, it may be served by —

(a) delivering it to the secretary of the company or body at its registered or principal office; or



(b) sending it by registered post addressed to the company or body at its registered or principal office.

(3) A summons, notice, order or document required or authorised by this Act to be served on the owner or occupier of any premises may be served by delivering it or a true copy thereof to some adult person on the premises or, if there is no such person on the premises to whom it can with reasonable diligence be delivered, by affixing the summons, notice, order or document to some conspicuous part of the premises.

(4) Any summons, notice, order or document required or authorised by this Act to be served on the owner or occupier of any premises shall be deemed to be properly addressed if addressed by the description of the owner or occupier of the premises without further name or description.

[86]  
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## 99 Licences

### Licences

99.

— (1) Any licence under this Act may be —

(a) granted or renewed at the discretion of the Director-General;

(b) granted, renewed or refused without any reason for the grant, renewal or refusal being assigned therefor; and

(c) granted or renewed subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Director-General may think fit.

[4/2002]

(2) The Director-General may require any applicant for a licence to furnish such information and evidence as he may reasonably require for a full and proper consideration of the application.

(3) If the applicant refuses to furnish the information under subsection (2) the Director-General shall refuse to grant or renew the licence.

[4/2002]

(4) The Director-General may, before granting or renewing any licence, require

the applicant to give security, either in the form of a cash deposit or by entering into a bond, that the provisions of this Act and of the conditions of the licence will be duly observed.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(5) Where an applicant is required to enter into a bond, the Director-General may require not more than 2 sureties to enter into the bond with the applicant.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(6) Any sum deposited or bond entered into under this section shall be liable to forfeiture in whole or in part at the discretion of the Director-General on cancellation of the licence.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(7) Any person who wilfully furnishes any false information in any application for a licence shall be guilty of an offence and any licence granted shall be void and of no effect.

(8) Subject to the provisions of this Act, any licence may be for such period as the Director-General thinks fit.

[4/2002]

(9) There shall be charged for the grant or renewal of any licence such fee, if any, as may be prescribed by the Agency with the approval of the Minister.

[4/2002]

(10) Where a licence is granted for a period of less than 12 months, the Director-General may charge a proportionate fee therefor; and in charging such proportionate fee, any part of a month shall be reckoned as one month.

[4/2002]

(11) No licensee shall be entitled to any refund of any fee paid by him in respect of any licence.

(12) No person shall in any manner transfer any licence or permit any licence to be used by any other person without the approval in writing of the Director-General.

[4/2002]

(13) Where a licensee —

(a) is in breach of any restriction or condition subject to which the licence was granted; or

(b) has contravened any provision of this Act,

the Director-General may —

(i) suspend or cancel the licence; and

(ii) in the case of paragraph (a), in lieu of or in addition to sub-paragraph (i), impose a financial penalty of such amount, not exceeding \$5,000, as the Director-General thinks fit.

[4/2002]

(14) Subject to the provisions of this Act, any person who is aggrieved by —

(a) the refusal by the Director-General to grant or renew any licence;

(b) the suspension or cancellation by the Director-General of any licence;

(c) the imposition of any financial penalty by the Director-General; or

(d) the forfeiture of any sum deposited or bond entered into under this section,

may, within 14 days of such refusal, suspension, cancellation, imposition of financial penalty or forfeiture, appeal to the Minister whose decision shall be final.

[4/2002]

(15) In this section, “licence” includes any approval, permit, permission, authority, authorisation or licence which may be granted or renewed by the Director-General under this Act.

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[4/2002]

## **100 Receipts notices etc. may be given by authorised officer**

Receipts, notices, etc. may be given by authorised officer

100.

— (1) All notices, orders, receipts, warrants and other documents which the Director-General is empowered to give by this Act may be given by any authorised officer.

[4/2002]

(2) Where any such notice, order, receipt, warrant or document requires

authentication, the signature or a facsimile thereof of the Director-General or any authorised officer affixed thereto shall be sufficient authentication.

[95]

[4/2002]

## 101 Furnishing of information required by Director-General

Furnishing of information required by Director-General

101.

The Director-General may, by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of any work place or work premises to furnish him within 14 days or such longer period as may be specified in the notice any information required by him for the purposes of this Act.

[98]

[4/2002]

## 102 Saving of prosecutions under other laws

Saving of prosecutions under other laws

102.

Nothing in this Act shall prevent any person from being prosecuted under any other written law for any act or omission which constitutes an offence under this Act or from being liable under that other written law to any other or higher punishment or penalty than that provided by this Act except that no person shall be punished twice for the same offence.

[101]

## 103 General penalties

General penalties

103.

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of an offence and, where no penalty is expressly provided, shall be liable on

conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.

[22/99]

## 104 Composition of offences

Composition of offences

104.

— (1) The Director-General may, in his discretion, compound any offence under this Act as may be prescribed as being an offence which may be compounded by collecting from a person reasonably suspected of having committed the offence —

(a) a sum of money not exceeding \$500 in the case of an offence punishable on conviction with a fine not exceeding \$5,000 (whether with or without imprisonment); or

(b) a sum of money not exceeding \$5,000 in the case of an offence punishable on conviction with a fine exceeding \$5,000 (whether with or without imprisonment).

[22/99; 4/2002]

(2) On payment of such sum of money, no further proceedings shall be taken against that person in respect of the offence.

(3) The Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, make rules to prescribe the offences which may be compounded and the method and procedure by which those offences may be compounded under this section.

[4/2002]

## 105 Inaccuracies in documents

Inaccuracies in documents

105.

— (1) No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person, premises, building, street or place named or described in any document prepared, issued or served



under or for the purposes of this Act shall in any way affect the operation of this Act as respects that person or place if that person or place is so designated in the document as to be identifiable.

(2) No proceedings taken under this Act shall be invalid for want of form.

[107]

## 106 Jurisdiction of court

Jurisdiction of court

106.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 68), a District Court and a Magistrate' s Court shall have jurisdiction to try any offence under this Act and shall have power to impose the full penalty or punishment in respect of any offence under this Act.

[108]

## 107 Evidence

Evidence

107.

— (1) The contents of any document prepared, issued or served under or for the purposes of this Act shall, until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be correct and the production of any book purporting to contain any apportionment made under this Act shall, without any other evidence, be received as prima facie proof of the making and validity of the apportionment mentioned therein.

(2) All records, registers and other documents kept by the Director-General or by any public officer for the purposes of this Act shall be deemed to be public documents, and copies thereof or extracts therefrom certified by the officer responsible for the custody thereof to be true copies or extracts, as the case may be, and subscribed by such officer with his name and his official title shall be admissible in evidence as proof of the contents of the documents or extracts therefrom.

[109]

[4/2002]

## 108 Forms

108.

The Director-General may design and utilise such forms as he may think fit for any of the purposes of this Act, and may require any person to complete any of the forms for any such purpose.

[110  
[4/2002]

## 109 Amendment of Schedules

Amendment of Schedules

109.

The Minister may, from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette*, add to, alter or amend any of the Schedules.

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## 110 Exemption

Exemption

110.

The Agency may, subject to the general or special directions of the Minister, either permanently or for such period as the Agency thinks fit, exempt any person or premises or any class of persons or premises from any of the provisions of this Act.

[112  
[4/2002]

## 111 Regulations

Regulations

111.

—(1) The Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations for or in respect of every purpose which he considers necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, for or in respect of all or any of the matters specified in the Third Schedule.

[4/2002]

(2) The Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, in making any regulations, prescribe the circumstances in which it shall be presumed that an offence under the provisions of any such regulations was committed.

[4/2002]

(3) The Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, in making any regulations, provide that any contravention of, or failure or neglect to comply with any regulations shall be an offence and may prescribe the fine with which the offence shall be punishable, but so that no such fine shall exceed for any one offence the sum of \$10,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, the sum of \$500 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

[22/99; 4/2002]

(4) All regulations made under this Act shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall be presented to Parliament as soon as possible after publication.

[113]

## 112 Transitional provision

Transitional provision

112.

Any licence, permit, document, application, approval, permission, order, direction, ruling or notice issued, made, given or approved by the Commissioner of Public Health under any provision of this Act immediately before 1st July 2002\* shall be deemed to have been issued, made, given or approved under the same provision by the Director-General.

\* Date of commencement of the National Environment Agency Act 2002 (Act 4 of 2002).

[114]

[4/2002]

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 32

DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSES FOR USE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS TO WHICH SECTION 32

## APPLIES

1. As a retail food establishment where food is sold wholly by retail (whether or not the food sold is also prepared, stored or packed for sale or consumed at such premises), including —

- (a) an eating establishment, such as a restaurant;
- (b) a cut fruit shop;
- (c) a supermarket;
- (d) a market-produce shop (including any premises used for the sale of fish or crustacean, or meat or vegetable);
- (e) a barbecue meat shop,

except a retail food establishment that is part of a food processing establishment as described in the Second Schedule to the Sale of Food Act (Cap. 283).

2. As a catering establishment providing a catering service whereby —

- (a) food is prepared, packed and thereafter delivered to a consumer for his consumption or use; or
- (b) food is prepared at premises appointed by a consumer for his consumption or use,

except a catering establishment that is part of a food processing establishment as described in the Second Schedule to the Sale of Food Act.

[7/2002]

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1. Anthrax.
2. Cholera.
3. Enteric fever (typhoid).
4. Plague.

Section 68

5. Smallpox.

6. Yellow fever.

### THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 111 (1)

### SUBJECT MATTERS OF REGULATIONS

1. Public cleansing, conservancy and the depositing, collection, removal and disposal of dust, dirt, ashes, rubbish, nightsoil, dung, trade refuse, garden refuse, stable refuse, trade effluent and other filth; and matters relating to the receptacles used or provided in connection therewith.

2. The seizure and disposal of unwholesome meat, fish, fruit, vegetables or other food or drink exposed or intended for sale.

3. The control, regulation and supervision of —

(a) markets and of anything therein and of places in the vicinity thereof;

(b) persons engaged or employed in markets; and

(c) places used for the reception of sick or dying persons.

4. The prevention and abatement of nuisances.

5. The keeping down or destruction of rats, mice, insects and other vermin, and the proofing of premises against the same.

6. The use and management of stalls, tables or showboards set up for the sale of any goods in public streets or places of public resort.

7. The specifying of streets, places and areas or portions thereof in which persons shall not act as hawkers.

8. Articles or types or classes of articles which may be sold from or exposed for sale in or on any stall, vehicle or other receptacle in any public street or place or by any itinerant hawker and premises where any such article is prepared or stored and the manner in which any such article is prepared or transported.

9. The inspection, regulation, supervision, control, management, maintenance, operation and use of cemeteries and crematoria, the dimensions of graves and



places of interment, the prescribing of conditions under which human remains may be disposed of, registers to be kept and generally all matters connected with the good order of cemeteries and crematoria, due regard being had to the religious usages of the several classes of the community.

10. The provision and maintenance of sanitary conveniences.

11. The collection, transportation, storage, labelling and disposal of industrial waste and toxic industrial waste.

12. The prescribing of forms for licences and notices and for other purposes of this Act.

13. The prescribing of a code of practice relating to the control and regulation of noise levels in work places and construction sites.

14. The prescribing of fees for licences and the prescribing of fees and charges for any of the purposes of this Act and the prescribing of any other matter which by this Act is required to be or may be prescribed.

15. The prohibition and control of the burning of joss sticks and candles.

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#### FOURTH SCHEDULE

Section 4 (2)

PRIVATE PERSONS WHO CAN BE AUTHORISED TO EXERCISE POWERS UNDER THE ACT OR REGULATIONS AND POWERS IN RESPECT OF WHICH PERSONS MAY ACT

*First column*

*Second column*

*Private persons who may be authorised to exercise powers under the Act and regulations made thereunder*

*Powers under the Act and regulations which the person may be authorised to exercise*

(1) Any member or employee of a Town Council established under the Town Councils Act (Cap. 329A)

) Powers of an authorised officer under —

(2) Any member of any committee of a Town Council

) (a) section 21 of the Act; and  
) (b) sections 86 and 88 of the Act in relation to any offence under section 17 of the Act  
) and regulation 15 (1) of the Environmental

- ) Public Health (Public Cleansing)  
 ) Regulations (Rg 3)  
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 )  
 (3) Any employee of an agent of a Town Council )  
 )  
 (4) Any operator of a public service vehicle Powers of an authorised officer under —  
 (a) section 21 of the Act; and  
 (b) sections 86 and 88 of the Act in relation to any offence under section 17 of the Act.
- (5) Any employee of PSA Corporation Limited Powers of an authorised officer under —  
 (a) sections 21 and 42 of the Act;  
 (b) section 86 of the Act in relation to any offence under section 17, 18 or 19 of the Act, Part IV of the Act or to any offence under regulations 4, 8 (2), 9, 14, 15 (1) or (3), 25 and 26 (1) (a) and (b) of the Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) Regulations (Rg 3); and  
 (c) section 88 of the Act in relation to any offence under regulations 4, 8 (2), 9, 14, 15 (1) or (3), 25 and 26 (1) (a) and (b) of the Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) Regulations.

[22/99]

#### LEGISLATION HISTORY

##### 1. Act 14 of 1987 — Environmental Public Health Act 1987

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Date of commencement : 1.11.92

4. Act 2 of 1996 — Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Act 1996

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Date of Second and Third Readings : 5.12.95

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5. Act 9 of 1999 — Environmental Pollution Control Act 1999  
(Consequential amendments made by)

Date of First Reading : 20.1.99 (Bill No. 2/99 published on 21.1.99)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 11.2.99

Date of commencement : 1.4.99

6. Act 22 of 1999 — Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Act 1999

Date of First Reading : 8.3.99 (Bill No. 11/99 published on 9.3.99)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 4.5.99

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7. Act 4 of 2002 — National Environment Agency Act 2002  
(Consequential amendments made by)

Date of First Reading : 3.5.2002 (Bill No. 13/2002 published on 4.5.2002)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 24.5.2002

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8. Act 7 of 2002 — Sale of Food (Amendment) Act 2002  
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