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### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

**H**IS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT has been pleased, in order to conserve the local supply of petrol, to make the following regulations under the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Order in Council dated March 21, 1916 :—

#### Regulations governing the Control, Issue, and Use of Petrol.

1. Petrol shall only be used for motive purposes. Provided that for the purpose of any manufacture as to which the proper authority is satisfied that the use of petrol is necessary, petrol may be used in accordance with the terms of a special license issued by the proper authority.
2. No person other than a person holding a license under section 4 of Ordinance No. 6 of 1887 shall sell petrol, except by the special permission of the proper authority under these regulations.
3. Every licensed vendor shall keep a register showing the details of every sale in the following form :—

Date: _____, 191—.	Name of Purchaser: _____.
Quantity sold: _____,	Purpose for which required: _____.
Number and nature of car, cycle, or engine to be stated: _____.	
4. Every licensed vendor shall keep at each dépôt a register of the regular customers of such dépôt previous to April 1, 1918, and shall make no sale to any person not on such register without the special sanction of the proper authority. The above registers shall be open to the inspection of the proper authority.
5. Vendors shall not issue any quantity in excess of two gallons a month in respect of any motor bicycle, or of ten gallons a month in respect of any motor car or other vehicle actually in use, except in the following circumstances :—
  - (a) For commercial vehicles, *i.e.*, vehicles used solely for the transport of goods, such quantity as is equivalent to the monthly consumption in 1917 in respect of every vehicle actually in use as shown in the schedule supplied by the proper authority or by the vendor's register.
  - (b) In respect of other vehicles, such quantity as may be specially authorized by the proper authority.
6. No licensed vendor shall, in the absence of special authority, issue any petrol to any person who has received ten gallons or more since April 1, until such time as such stock is duly exhausted, the period being calculated on a basis of ten gallons a month in the case of motor cars, and two gallons a month in the case of motor cycles.
7. Motor cars, motor cycles, and other motor vehicles may be used only for the transport of goods and for business, and for *bona fide* purposes connected with the household of motor car owners. They must not be used for riding for purposes of pleasure (*e.g.*, the use of motor cars and cycles for sporting trips, drives to Mount Lavinia, journeys to Kandy and other places to which railway transport is available, travelling by car from Nanu-oya to Nuwara Eliya, &c., is absolutely prohibited).

8. No person, other than a licensed vendor or a person specially licensed by a proper authority, shall after this date possess at one time more than five gallons of petrol for the purposes of any commercial lorry, motor launch, or motor car actually in use, or more than two gallons for the purposes of any motor cycle.

9. Persons now holding stocks for the purposes of motor cars and motor cycles in excess of five gallons or two gallons respectively must declare the quantity of such stock to the proper authority on or before April 20, 1918, and, unless they shall have obtained special permission from the proper authority, shall not purchase or attempt to purchase further supplies until such time as such excess is exhausted, in accordance with the authorized rate of consumption. Such rate shall be calculated on a basis of ten gallons a month from April 1 in the case of a motor car, and two gallons a month in the case of a motor cycle.

10. Any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Superintendent or any Police Officer specially authorized by an Assistant Superintendent shall have power and authority to search any premises, place, or vehicle in which he has reason to suspect that petrol is stored and to seize and take possession of any quantity not having been declared as aforesaid in excess of five gallons or two gallons, as the case may be.

11. No owner or user of any motor vehicle shall purchase petrol, except at the depôt from which he has hitherto been in the habit of procuring supplies, unless he has obtained special sanction to purchase elsewhere from the proper authority.

12. No owner or user of a motor vehicle shall purchase or attempt to purchase or otherwise procure or attempt to procure without special authority a greater quantity of petrol than ten gallons in any one month in respect of any motor car or two gallons in respect of any motor cycle.

13. Owners of motor lorries and other commercial vehicles shall be entitled to purchase for the purpose of each of the vehicles in use an amount equivalent to the monthly average consumption of each of such vehicles in the year 1917 as shown in the vendor's register.

14. Any person infringing any of the above regulations shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction before a Police Court to a fine of Rs. 1,000, or to imprisonment of either description for a period of six months, or to both, and shall also be liable to the cancellation of any license issued to him as driver or owner of a motor car or vehicle or as a licensed vendor or possessor of petrol.

15. The proper authority for the purpose of these regulations shall be the Superintendent of Police or the Government Agent in charge of Police of the Province or the Assistant Superintendent of Police or Assistant Government Agent in charge of Police of the district in which the motor vehicle is ordinarily used or the petrol is ordinarily purchased by the owner or user thereof.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, April 11, 1918.

By His Excellency's command,

A. S. PAGDEN,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.