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THE EMERGENCY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND POWERS)  
REGULATIONS, No. 4 OF 1975

ORDER made by the President by virtue of the powers vested in him by regulation 2 of the Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions and Powers) Regulations, No. 4 of 1975.

W. GOPALLAWA,  
President.

Nuwara Eliya, April 19, 1975.

Order

1. This Order may be cited as the Essential Services Order, 1975.
2. For the purposes of the definition of the expression "essential service" in regulation 2 of the Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions and Powers) Regulations, No. 4 of 1975, the following services are hereby declared to be of public utility or to be essential to the life of the community :—
  - (1) The supply, preservation and distribution of articles of food or drink.
  - (2) The supply or distribution of fuel, including petroleum products and gas.
  - (3) The supply of electricity.
  - (4) Public transport services for passengers or goods.
  - (5) Water supply.
  - (6) Postal, telephone, telegraph and broadcasting services.
  - (7) All service, work or labour, of any description whatsoever, necessary or required to be done in connection with—
    - (a) the discharge, carriage, landing, storage, delivery and removal of articles of food or drink, or of coal, oil or fuel, from vessels within any port as defined for the purposes of the Customs Ordinance (Cap. 235) ;
    - (b) the planting, manufacture, production, sale, shipping or storage for shipping of tea, rubber or coconut, or the produce thereof ;
    - (c) the maintenance, and the reception, care, feeding and treatment, of patients in hospitals, nursing homes, dispensaries, and other similar institutions, whether maintained by the Government or otherwise ;
    - (d) undertakings maintained by any local authority for water supply, electricity, drainage and sewerage, fire and ambulance services, conservancy and scavenging (including the removal and disposal of night-soil) ;
    - (e) the provision and maintenance of facilities for transport services by road, rail or air, including roads, bridges, culverts, airports, ports and railway lines.
  - (8) The services provided by any Government Department or branch thereof.
  - (9) The services provided by any Government Corporation or branch thereof.

- (10) The services provided by the Central Bank of Ceylon, the Bank of Ceylon and any other bank engaged in the transaction of commercial or financial business.
  - (11) The services provided by any mercantile or commercial undertaking engaged in the importation, exportation, sale, supply or distribution of goods of any description whatsoever.
  - (12) The services provided by all Co-operative Societies and Unions.
  - (13) All service, work or labour of any description whatsoever necessary or required to be done in connection with the processing, manufacture or distribution of the following industrial products, or the importation or supply of raw materials required for the processing, manufacture or distribution of such products :—
    - (a) Dried Milk Powder.
    - (b) Poultry and animal food.
    - (c) Ice.
    - (d) Cotton yarn and cotton textiles.
    - (e) Gas mantles.
    - (f) Acetylene gas.
    - (g) Oxygen gas.
    - (h) Illuminating candles.
    - (i) Safety matches.
    - (j) Pharmaceuticals and drugs.
    - (k) Soap.
    - (l) Multi-walled paper sacks.
    - (m) Containers made wholly or partly out of polythene film.
    - (n) Bottles and other containers made of glass.
    - (o) Aluminium foil and linings.
    - (p) Barbed wire.
    - (q) Staples.
    - (r) Containers made out of tin plates.
    - (s) Collapsible tubes.
    - (t) Metal fittings for tea chests.
    - (u) Wire nails.
    - (v) Electric bulbs.
    - (w) Bicycle tyres and tubes.
    - (x) Rubber solutions and cement.
  - (14) All service or labour of any description whatsoever necessary or required to be done in connection with—
    - (a) the manufacture, distribution, sale or export of ready-made garments by Apparel Exports, Hently Garments Limited, and United Garments International Limited, and of pencils by Ceylon Pencil Company Limited and Eliya Pencil Company ; and
    - (b) the importation or supply of raw materials required for the manufacture of ready-made garments by Apparel Exports, Hently Garments Limited, and United Garments International Limited, and of pencils by Ceylon Pencil Company Limited and Eliya Pencil Company.
3. For the purposes of this order—
- (i) " local authority " means any Municipal Council, Urban Council, Town Council or Village Council.
  - (ii) " Government Corporation " means a corporation the capital of which is wholly or partly subscribed by the Government.
4. This Order shall apply throughout Sri Lanka.