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Government Notifications

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THE PUBLIC SECURITY ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 40)

REGULATIONS made by the President under section 5 of the Public Security Ordinance, upon the recommendation of the Prime Minister.

W. GOPALLAWA,  
President.

Colombo, December 17, 1976.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Emergency (Weights and Measures) Regulations.
2. These regulations shall have effect notwithstanding the provisions of the Weights and Measures Ordinance (Chapter 158) and any regulations made thereunder.
3. Any Inspector of Weights and Measures or any Price Control Inspector shall have the power—
  - (a) to enter any premises used for the purposes of any trade in any place or area in the Island (including any area within the administrative limits of any local authority), and check any weighing or measuring which is being or which has been done for the purpose of delivering goods to a purchaser ;
  - (b) to seize and detain where necessary, for the purpose of any prosecution in respect of an offence under section 44B of the Ordinance as amended by Act No. 7 of 1971, any goods which have been so delivered in contravention of the said section 44B.
4. The Warden of the Standards shall have the power to sanction the institution of any prosecution under the Ordinance in any part of the Island.
5. In these regulations—
  - “Inspector of Weights and Measures” means an Inspector of Weights and Measures appointed under the Ordinance ;
  - “Local authority” means any Municipal Council, Urban Council, Town Council and Village Council and includes the Anuradhapura Preservation Board ;
  - “Ordinance” means the Weights and Measures Ordinance (Chapter 158) ;
  - “Price Control Inspector” means a Price Control Inspector appointed under the Control of Prices Act (Chapter 173) ;
  - “Warden of the Standards” means the Warden of the Standards appointed under section 2 of the Ordinance and includes the Deputy Warden of the Standards.

16. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“article” means any article of food, drink or such article of merchandise essential to the life of the community as may be specified by the Competent Authority by notification published in the *Gazette*;

“Competent Authority” means—

- (a) any person appointed, by name or by office by the Prime Minister to be Competent Authority for the purpose of these regulations ;
- (b) for the whole Island, the Controller of Prices, (Food and Miscellaneous Articles), the Deputy Controller of Prices (Food and Miscellaneous Articles) and every Assistant Controller of Prices (Food and Miscellaneous Articles) ; and
- (c) for each administrative district, the Government Agent, the Additional Government Agent and every Assistant Government Agent of such district ;

“street” includes any road, lane or passage, whether a thoroughfare or not, over which the public has a right of way, together with the land, whether covered or not by any pavement, as well as all drains embankments and ditches belonging or appurtenant thereto, or public open places and a such waste-land adjoining any street or road as may have been reserved for its protection or benefit ; and

“unauthorized article” means—

- (i) any article imported or brought into Sri Lanka in contravention of the provisions of the Customs Ordinance ; or
- (ii) any article the distribution of which is regulated under the Food Control Act ; or
- (iii) any article or thing belonging to the Government or to any Public Corporation ; or
- (iv) any article in the possession of a trader who is not the holder of a licence issued under regulation 2 to trade in such article ; or
- (v) any article found in a place not specified in the licence issued under regulation 2 ; or
- (vi) any article found in such quantity in the possession of—
  - (a) a trader as is, in the opinion of the Competent Authority, in excess of the requirements of the normal trading activity of such trader ; or
  - (b) any other person, as is, in the opinion of the Competent Authority, in excess of the normal personal requirements of such person.