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## PETROLEUM.

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**An Ordinance to make provision for regulating the importation, conveyance, and storage of petroleum, and other inflammable oils and liquids.**

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Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Petroleum Ordinance, and shall apply to the Colony and to the Protectorate.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

“ petroleum ” includes the liquids commonly known by the names of rock oil, Rangoon oil, Burmah oil, kerosene, paraffin oil, petrol, gasoline, benzol, benzoline, benzine, naphtha, and any like inflammable liquid, whether a natural product or one that is made from petroleum, coal, schist, shale, or any other bituminous substance, or from any products thereof;

“ dangerous petroleum ” means petroleum which has a flashing point below ninety-five degrees Fahrenheit, or such standard, to be ascertained in the prescribed manner, as may be fixed under the next succeeding section.

Power of Governor in Council to make rules.

3. (1) The Governor in Council may make rules for all or any of the following purposes—

(a) prohibiting the importation or exportation of petroleum except at such ports or places as may be prescribed;

(b) prescribing the notice to be given, and the person by whom the same shall be given, on the arrival at a port of a ship carrying petroleum as cargo;

(c) requiring ships carrying dangerous petroleum as cargo to proceed to, and remain at, such anchorages as may be prescribed or appointed, and prescribing such anchorages or the officers who may appoint the same;

(d) regulating the loading, unloading, transport within a port, landing, transshipment and shipment of petroleum;

(e) providing for the licensing of lighters and other craft to carry petroleum within a port;

(f) prescribing the conditions and restrictions to be imposed upon vessels arriving at a port after having carried petroleum or dangerous petroleum;

(g) regulating the transport of petroleum, whether by railway, road, or inland navigation;

(h) prescribing the quantity of petroleum which may be carried in any vessel, cart, truck or other vehicle, the mode in which the same shall be stored when so carried, the receptacles in which the same may be so carried, and the quantities which may be contained in such receptacles;

(i) regulating the storage of petroleum, and providing for the licensing of persons to store petroleum, and of places in which petroleum may be stored;

(j) prescribing that certain places shall be public magazines for the storage of petroleum;

(k) prescribing the conditions under which petroleum may be stored in any public magazine for the storage of petroleum, and the rates to be paid for such storage;

(l) regulating the selling or the hawking of petroleum, and providing for the licensing of persons selling, or of persons hawking, petroleum;

(m) restricting the use which may be made of dangerous petroleum;

(n) providing for the examination and testing of petroleum, and prescribing the tests to be applied to ascertain its flashing point and the method of applying the same;

(o) fixing the standard of petroleum;

(p) prohibiting the sale, or possession for sale, of any petroleum which may be adulterated in any way so as not to conform to such standard as may be fixed, and providing for the forfeiture of any petroleum in respect of which a breach of any such rule has been committed;

(*q*) prescribing the powers and duty of officers appointed for any of the purposes of this Ordinance;

(*r*) prescribing the fees to be paid for any licence or permit issued, or examination or other thing done under this Ordinance;

(*s*) providing for the search and inspection of any ship, vessel, vehicle, building or place in which petroleum is stored or carried, or in which there may be reason to believe that any petroleum is stored or carried;

(*t*) excepting from the provisions of all or any of the rules, petroleum, which, on being examined and tested as provided by the rules, shall be found to have a flashing point higher than 150 degrees Fahrenheit;

(*u*) conferring powers to facilitate the detection of the evasion of any provision of rules made under this sub-section;

(*v*) generally for the purpose of carrying out the object of this Ordinance.

Application  
of rules.

(2) Any rules in force under the preceding sub-section shall apply to the Colony and Protectorate, or to such parts thereof as shall be specified therein.

Power to  
extend rules  
to other  
inflammable  
oils.

(3) Such rules, with or without such modifications as may be determined, may be applied to any inflammable oil or liquid other than petroleum.

Exception  
from rules.

(4) Such rules may except, either conditionally or absolutely, any ship or place from all or any of the provisions thereof.

Punishment  
of offences.

4. Any person who is guilty of an offence under any rule made under this Ordinance shall, on conviction thereof before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding six months; and if the offender is the holder of a licence granted under any rule made under this Ordinance, the Magistrate may, in addition to imposing such punishment, revoke such licence or suspend the same for such period as he may determine.