

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 190.

The following Regulations are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th March, 1902.

REGULATIONS

Made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council, on the 11th March, 1902, under Section 7 of Ordinance 15 of 1897, in substitution for the Regulations made on the 1st March, 1898.

1. Every licensed keeper of an Opium Divan shall provide at his own expense two photographs of himself, of which one shall always remain affixed to his licence and the other shall be affixed to the counterfoil of the licence.
2. Every licensed keeper of an Opium Divan shall show his licence at all times to the Opium Farmer, Dross Opium Farmer, any Excise Officer, any Officer of the Police not being under the rank of Sergeant and any Officer of the Sanitary Board who may demand to inspect such licence.
3. Every licensed keeper of an Opium Divan shall, before opening his divan to the public, enter into a bond with the Colonial Secretary in the sum of \$25 with one surety for the due performance of all conditions endorsed on the Opium Divan Licence, of all Sanitary Bye-laws, and of these Regulations.
4. Every licensed keeper of an Opium Divan shall pay an annual fee of \$10 payable half-yearly in advance on the 1st March and 1st September; if such fee be not paid within one calendar month from the date when it falls due, the Opium Divan Licence in respect of which the fee is in arrear shall be deemed to have been cancelled unless the Governor shall otherwise direct.
5. Opium Divans shall be divided into two classes, viz., First Class Divans in which Prepared Opium may be smoked, and Second Class Divans in which Dross Opium alone may be smoked.
6. The penalty for the breach of any of Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of these Regulations shall be a sum not exceeding \$25.

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Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 11th March, 1902.

CONDITIONS TO BE ENDORSED ON AN OPIUM DIVAN LICENCE.

1. Whenever property, of which the owner is not known to the licensed keeper, shall be found in an Opium Divan, the licensed keeper shall forthwith report to the nearest Police Station that such property has been found, shall furnish full particulars of such property to a Police Officer, and shall detain such property in safe custody till it is handed over to a Police Officer.
2. Every licensed keeper of an Opium Divan shall keep ready for immediate use such number of hand buckets or other like appliance for the extinction of fire as the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade shall consider sufficient in each case.
3. Any death which occurs in a licensed Opium Divan must be reported at once by the licensed keeper either at the Registrar General's Office or at a Police Station.
4. All Sanitary Bye-laws in force for the time being must be observed under the penalties therein provided.

The attention of Licensees is specially directed to the following requirements of the law:—

- (1.) Any death which occurs in a licensed Opium Divan must be registered at the Registrar General's Office within 48 hours. (Ordinance 16 of 1896, s. 11.)
- (2.) No person other than an adult male is to be permitted to smoke opium or dross opium in an Opium Divan. (Ordinance 15 of 1897, s. 6.)
- (3.) No female, not being the Opium Divan keeper or the wife or child of such keeper, is to be permitted or suffered to enter or remain in an Opium Divan. (Ordinance 15 of 1897, s. 6 as amended by s. 3 of Ordinance 1 of 1898.)
- (4.) No armed person is to be permitted to be in an Opium Divan. (Ordinance 15 of 1897, s. 6.)

Note.—Licensees of Opium Divans must make their own arrangements with the Opium Farmer with regard to any Opium or Dross Opium required by them in their business.