

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 162.

Hong Kong.

Rules made by the Governor in Council under section 16 of the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 14 of 1901, on the Tenth day of March, 1932.

RULES WITH REGARD TO THE STORAGE OF
FIREWORKS.

1. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, "premises" does not necessarily mean the whole of a building or block of buildings but means a building or portion of a building, or a shed, used and capable of being used as a self-contained store in accordance with these rules.

2. No person shall store any fireworks in any premises where--

- (a) paints, oils, petrol or other inflammable liquid, tar, pitch, resin, hay, straw, cotton, hemp, rattan shavings, or other combustible fibre or stock are manufactured or kept for sale or storage, or as stock-in-trade; or
- (b) the trade or business of a carpenter shop or drug store is carried on; or
- (c) goods of light material of a combustible nature, other than safety matches, joss paper, joss sticks, flags, paper lanterns, paper balloons, decorations or newspapers are kept for sale or storage, or as stock-in-trade; or
- (d) goods are stored in respect of which a licence under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873, is required; or
- (e) any dutiable or duty-paid goods are kept for sale or storage, or as stock-in-trade.

3. No fireworks shall be stored in any shed or single storey building that is not constructed throughout of fire-proof or fire-resisting materials approved by the Inspector General of Police.

4. No fireworks shall be stored otherwise than on the ground floor of a building having more than one floor: such ground floor shall be of fire-proof or fire-resisting materials throughout: and any stairs, staircase, stair-lining, or other communication or passage-ways through such ground floor, whether to other floors, or to portions or premises above or adjoining or alongside the same, shall be of fire-proof or fire-resisting materials throughout.

5. The following further requirements, restrictions and stipulations shall be observed and complied with in respect of any premises used for the storage of fireworks:—

- (a) exits, fitted with doors opening outward, shall be provided both to the front and rear; and

- (b) lighting shall be by incandescent electric lamps only. The wiring of all such lamps, if not fixed close to the ceiling or a wall, shall be encased in iron piping so as to fix the lamps in a rigid position and not lower than 7 feet from the floor. All such lamps shall be protected by strong glass shades which shall completely cover the lamp bulb; and
- (c) no stove, open fire, naked flame or glowing or smoldering substance shall be used in the premises; and
- (d) no fireworks shall be exposed outside the premises, nor in any doorway or show window, nor near any open flame or fire, nor exposed to the direct rays of the sun. Glass showcases in which fireworks are kept shall not be placed in the direct rays of the sun; and
- (e) no fireworks shall be kept in any fire-proof safe or strong room not specially constructed for fireworks; and
- (f) the sign "FIREWORKS", in English block capitals and Chinese characters, not less than 7 inches high and painted in black letters on a red ground, shall be prominently exposed at all all times both inside and outside the premises; there shall also be exposed at all times, in close proximity to the 'Fireworks' sign, a "NO SMOKING" sign in similar letters and characters on a white ground; and
- (g) the quantity of fireworks, exclusive of fireworks stored in a magazine as mentioned in regulation 6, shall not exceed 400 lbs. in weight.

6. Any quantity of fireworks in excess of 400 lbs. in weight shall be stored in a magazine, substantially built of brick, stone, iron and/or concrete, detached from any dwelling and set back at a distance of not less than 50 feet from any street, passage or other public place. Such magazines must be kept securely locked. In no circumstances will exposed iron and steel be permitted in the construction of such magazines.

7. The Inspector General of Police may allow modifications of regulations 1 to 6 of these regulations, in his discretion up to the 31st day of December, 1932.

8. The person in charge of any premises where fireworks are now stored, and the person in charge of any premises in which it is intended to store hereafter any fireworks, shall notify the Inspector General of Police, in writing, forthwith, giving the name and address of such person and of the premises concerned.

9. It shall be lawful for any European member of the Police Force or of the Fire Brigade, and for any other person furnished with a certificate of his authorisation by the Inspector General of Police and/or the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade at any time to enter and inspect any premises in

which any fireworks are stored: The person at the time having charge of such premises shall give all reasonable facilities for such entry and inspection.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
10th March, 1932.

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ORDINANCE No. 36 of 1931 (LIQUORS).

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 36 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, the Governor in Council alters the Second Schedule to the said Ordinance as follows,—

Alteration.

Insert, next after the words “Chinese restaurant licence :—”, the words,—

“when the premises occupied are situated in the New Territories, other than New Kowloon, and a Chinese liquor shop licence is held in respect of such premises..... \$50

In all other cases—”

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
14th March, 1932.