

No. 673.

Hong Kong.ORDINANCE No. 5 of 1922. (EMERGENCY
REGULATIONS).

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, the Governor in Council hereby orders that the regulations made under the said Ordinance and published as Notification No. 449 in the Gazette of the 8th July, 1932, be repealed and the same are hereby repealed.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th October, 1932.

Notice.

The above mentioned order repeals the regulations for the prevention and mitigation of cholera which affected the sale by hawkers of cut fruit, ice cream, non-aerated drinks prepared from fruit juice and herbs and the jellies known as Leung Fan and Man Tau Lo.

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Hong Kong.

ORDINANCE No. 16 of 1903. (WATERWORKS).

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 23 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, as amended by the Waterworks Amendment Ordinance, 1929, Ordinance No. 12 of 1929, the Governor in Council rescinds regulation 7 of the regulations made under the aforesaid Ordinance set forth on pages 306 to 322 of the Regulations of Hong Kong, 1844-1925, and substitutes the following regulation therefor:—

7.—(1) In these regulations references to a quarter in connexion with water supplied by meter shall be construed as references to the period between two consecutive readings of the meter in question taken for the purpose of calculating the consumption in order to determine the amount (if any) payable for excess consumption whether or not such period shall be determined by relation to any of the usual quarter-days.

(2) In the case of a meter fixed during a quarter the first reading for the purpose of calculating consumption shall be the first reading of the meter and in the case of a meter removed during a quarter or the stopping of a supply during and until the end of a quarter the last reading for the purpose of calculating consumption shall be the last reading of the meter taken before such removal or stopping of supply.

(3) It shall be lawful for the Water Authority, if he shall so think fit, to determine the quarterly consumption of water supplied by any meter or by all the meters in any district or districts by relation to the first days of any months other than the usual quarter-days.

In any such case the excess consumption (if any) for any period between the last quarterly period calculated by relation to one of the usual quarter-days and the first quarterly period calculated by relation to the first day of any other month shall be determined by deducting from the amount of water ascertained by meter readings as having been used during such first-mentioned period a duly proportionate part of the quarterly amount prescribed by section 2 (a) (ii) of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903.

(4) Save as aforesaid the first reading for the purpose of calculating quarterly consumption shall be a reading taken not more than ten days before or after the first day of any month and the last reading shall be a reading taken not more than ten days before or after the first day of the third month thereafter.

(5) The reading used as the last reading of any quarterly period shall be used as the first reading of the ensuing quarterly period.

(6) If and whenever there shall be a change in the annual rateable value of a tenement during any quarterly period the quarterly amount to be taken into calculation for the purpose of ascertaining the excess consumption in accordance with section 2 (a) (ii) of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, shall be ascertained and determined proportionately to the different assessments and the respective periods of each of them.

(7) If two or more meters have been in use during any quarterly period, then the quarterly consumption shall be the sum of the quantities indicated by the meters.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th October, 1932.

Notice.

The rescinded regulation required readings to be taken not more than ten days before or after the calendar date of the termination of each quarter. This resulted in great pressure of work around each quarter-day in the office of the Water Authority and the Treasury and in delay and inconvenience to members of public making payment of their accounts.

Under the substituted regulation the work of preparation of accounts can be distributed over the whole quarter and it is contemplated that the "quarter-days" for water accounts for the various districts should in future be as under:—

Victoria 1st March, 1st June, 1st September, 1st December.

Kowloon and New Kowloon (Urban portions) 1st January, 1st April, 1st July, 1st October.

Peak, High Levels and districts other than the above-mentioned 1st February, 1st May, 1st August, 1st November.