

No. 661.

Hong Kong.

ORDINANCE No. 14 of 1901. (GUNPOWDER AND FIREWORKS).

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 16 of the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901, the Governor in Council amends the Rules with regard to the Storage of Fireworks set forth in Government Notification No. 162, published in the Gazette of the 18th March, 1932, as follows:—

Amendments.

(1) Rule 2 is rescinded and the following rule is substituted therefor:—

2. As regards any quantity of fireworks in excess of 50 lbs. in weight but not in excess of 400 lbs. in weight, the fireworks shall not be stored by any person 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.

(2) The following rule is inserted next after rule 2:—

2A. No fireworks shall be kept by any person at any premises in respect of which a licence for the storage of kerosine is held unless such kerosine is stored only in a court or open space at the rear of the premises and in a sunken pit approved by the Inspector General of Police.

(3) Rule 4 is rescinded and the following rule is substituted therefor:—

4. Except as regards any quantity of fireworks not in excess of 50 lbs. in weight kept in a Chinese Grocery Shop (雜貨舖) in a glass fronted cabinet approved by the Inspector General of Police and fixed in a position as far as practicable from the means of entry or egress and the stairway (if any) leading to any upper floors, no fireworks which are not stored in a magazine or permitted godown, as mentioned in rule 6, shall be stored by any

person otherwise than on the ground floor of a building: 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.

(4) Paragraph (g) of rule 5 is rescinded.

(5) Rule 6 is rescinded and the following rule is substituted therefor:—

6. Subject to the proviso contained in this rule, no quantity of fireworks in excess of 400 lbs. in weight shall be stored by any person elsewhere than in a magazine which

- (a) is substantially built of brick, stone or concrete, or iron covered with fire resisting material; and
- (b) has no exposed iron or steel in the structure thereof; and
- (c) is detached from any dwelling, or is set back at a distance of not less than 50 feet from any street, passage or other public place.

Provided that, with the written permission of the Inspector General of Police, which permission may be subject to conditions imposed by him and may be given, withheld or withdrawn in his discretion, a one-storey godown, constructed entirely of fire resisting materials and detached from residential property, may be used in substitution for a magazine as aforesaid.

Except as may be necessary in the proper use of any such magazine or permitted godown the same shall be kept securely locked.

The requirements set forth in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (f) of rule 5 shall apply to and be complied with in respect to any such magazine or permitted godown.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,
5th October, 1933.