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(Under section 104 of the Act.)

1. Citation.

These Rules may be cited as the Public Health (Eating Houses) Rules.

2. Application.

(1) These Rules shall apply to the municipalities and towns set out in the First Schedule to these Rules.

(2) The Minister may, by statutory instrument—

- (a) add to, delete from or vary the First Schedule;
- (b) exempt any city, municipality or town set out in that Schedule from any provision of these Rules specified in the instrument;
- (c) apply all or any of these Rules to any area other than a city, municipality or town.

3. Interpretation.

In these Rules—

- (a) “authority” means a local authority;
- (b) “eating house” means any premises where any article of food or drink is sold, or is prepared or cooked for sale, for consumption on the premises but does not include premises licensed under the Liquor Act which are not used for the preparation, cooking or sale of food for consumption on such premises;
- (c) “employee” includes any person employed on any premises to which these Rules apply, whether paid or unpaid;
- (d) “licensee” means a person holding a licence under these Rules.

4. Eating houses to be licensed.

(1) No premises shall be used as an eating house unless they shall first have been licensed by an authority in Form B in the Second Schedule to

these Rules.

(2) Every such licence shall be annual and shall expire on the 31st December of the year in respect of which it is issued.

(3) No such licence shall be transferable.

5. Application for licence.

(1) Every application for a licence under these Rules shall be made to the authority in Form A in the Second Schedule to these Rules.

(2) The authority shall not issue a licence under these Rules unless the applicant produces a certificate from a medical officer of health stating that the premises in respect of which a licence is required are in conformity with the requirements of these Rules.

6. Requirements in licensed eating houses.

In every eating house licensed under these Rules, the following requirements shall be complied with—

- (a) the construction, situation, lighting, ventilation, drainage, sanitary provision and state of repair of the premises shall be such as to ensure, in the opinion of the authority, satisfactory sanitary conditions in the premises and the protection from contamination of food prepared, cooked or sold in the premises; but the requirements of the authority in the foregoing respects shall not be in conflict with or in excess of the requirements of the Act or any rules made under the Act;
- (b) a sufficient and accessible supply of clean and wholesome water shall be maintained on the premises and, when so required by a medical officer of health, shall be boiled or otherwise sterilised and stored in a clean and covered receptacle;
- (c) sufficient accommodation and facilities for employees to wash themselves shall be provided;
- (d) there shall be provided sufficient portable receptacles of a size and shape approved by the authority and fitted with good and efficient lids, in which shall be placed all refuse from the eating house;
- (e) no cellar or basement shall be used for any of the purposes of an eating house;

- (f) one room or cupboard of sufficient dimensions shall be provided for the sole purpose of storing food. That room or cupboard shall be fly-proof and shall be ventilated and provided with storage receptacles to the satisfaction of the authority; and
- (g) there shall be provided adequate accommodation and equipment for the washing and drying of all utensils and other articles used in connection with the preparation, cooking, handling or consumption of food or drink.

7. Duties of licensee.

Every licensee shall—

- (a) at all times keep his or her premises in a state of cleanliness;
- (b) cause the inside walls and ceilings of the eating house to be surfaced, to the satisfaction of the authority, with limewash or other suitable material approved by the authority and shall so resurface those walls and ceilings at such intervals as, in the opinion of the authority, may be necessary to maintain cleanliness and freedom from risk of contamination of any food or drink prepared, cooked or consumed in the eating house;
- (c) provide and maintain on the premises adequate facilities for a sufficient supply of hot water for the purposes of an eating house;
- (d) cause all cooking, eating or drinking utensils, tables, chairs, cupboards, shelves, receptacles and furnishings of every description to be maintained in a clean and wholesome state, and shall obey all reasonable orders given in this respect by any person authorised for that purpose by the authority;
- (e) ensure that all employees engaged in the preparation, cooking or handling of food or drink are clean in person and in clothing at all times while so employed;
- (f) at all times keep his or her licence displayed in a conspicuous part of the eating house;
- (g) in no case store or keep, or allow to be stored or kept, any article of food or drink in any part of the premises except in the room or cupboard provided for this purpose or in a properly constructed showcase protected from dust and contamination from any source to the satisfaction of the authority;
- (h) in no case use, or allow to be used, as a living room or sleeping room, any room provided for the storage of food or drink or any room in which food or drink is consumed or prepared or cooked for consumption.

8. Prohibition of spitting.

No person shall spit in any eating house.

9. Infectious diseases.

(1) No person who, to his or her knowledge, is suffering from any infectious or communicable disease shall work in or about any eating house or handle or assist in the preparation or cooking of any food or drink in an eating house.

(2) Every licensee shall without delay inform a medical officer of health of the occurrence or suspected occurrence of any infectious or communicable disease among any of his or her employees and shall comply with any directions which the medical officer of health may give for the purpose of preventing the spread of any such disease.

10. Keeping of animals, etc. prohibited.

No live animal or bird shall be kept or permitted to remain in the kitchen of any eating house.

11. Responsibility for observance of rules.

Every licensee shall be responsible for the due observance on his or her premises of these Rules, and any breach of these Rules committed by any agent, servant or employee of the licensee shall be deemed to be a breach by the licensee.

12. Revocation or suspension of licence.

If any person is convicted of an offence against these Rules, the court may, in addition to or in substitution for any other penalty provided for the offence, revoke or suspend for such time as it thinks fit any licence granted to him or her under these Rules.

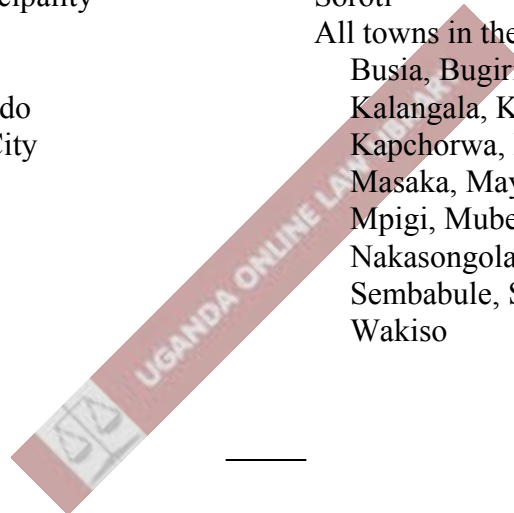
SCHEDULES

First Schedule.

rule 2.

City, municipalities and towns to which Rules apply.

Arua	Masindi Port
Bundibugyo	Mbale Municipality
Butiaba	Mbarara
Butiti	Mengo Municipality
Fort Portal	Moroto
Gulu	Namaliga
Hoima	Ngora
Jinja Municipality	Soroti
Kabale	All towns in the districts of —
Kabatoro	Busia, Bugiri, Iganga, Jinja,
Kaberamaido	Kalangala, Kampala, Kamuli,
Kampala City	Kapchorwa, Kiboga, Luwero,
Kasese	Masaka, Mayuge, Mbale,
Kitgum	Mpigi, Mubende, Mukono,
Kumi	Nakasongola, Pallisa, Rakai,
Kyenjojo	Sembabule, Sironko, Tororo,
Lira	Wakiso
Masindi	



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Second Schedule.

rule 5(1).

Forms.

Form A.

Application for Eating House Licence.
The Public Health (Eating House) Rules.

_____, 20 ____

To _____
_____, Authority,

I/We, the undersigned, apply for an eating house licence for premises situated
at _____.

Signature of Applicant

Certificate of Medical Officer of Health.

Medical Officer of Health

Action by Authority.

*(A report of the action taken should be forwarded to the medical officer of
health)*

Authority

Form B.
Eating House Licence.
The Public Health (Eating Houses) Rules.

Licence No. _____

Name of licensee _____

Premises situated at _____ are licensed to be
used as an eating house.

This licence expires on the 31st December, 20 ____

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 20 ____

Authority

History: S.I. 269-19.

Cross Reference

Liquor Act, Cap. 93.
