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[12th December, 1995]

An Ordinance to provide for the registration of godowns in the Province of Sindh.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient in the public interest to provide for the registration of godowns in the Province of Sindh;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Assembly is not in session and the Governor of Sindh is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 128 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Governor of Sindh is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

Short title Extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Sindh Registration of Godowns Ordinance, 1995.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the Province of Sindh.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions

2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context---

(i) "essential article" means an article declared as such by Government;

(ii) "godown" means premises used for storing of an essential article and includes a ware house, cold storage or depot;

(iii) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;

(iv) "owner" means an owner of a godown and includes the person having the management of a godown;

(v) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules and under this Ordinance;

(vi) "Registering Authority" means the Director General Bureau of Supply and Prices or any other officer appointed as such by Government.

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Slaking of essential articles

3. No essential article shall be stored or stocked in a godown unless the godown is registered in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Registration of Godown.

4. (1) The owner shall, within thirty days of commencement of this Ordinance in the case of a godown already in existence and within sixty days of the construction or establishment of new godown, make an application to the Registering Authority in the prescribed form for registration of his godown.

(2) The Registering Authority, on receipt of the application shall make such inquiries, and require the owner to furnish such information as he considers necessary.

(3) If the Registering Authority as a result of such inquiry made by it, is satisfied that the information contained in the application or furnished by the owner in respect of his godown is correct, it shall register the godown.

(4) The owner whose godown is registered shall be responsible for due compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the rules and with the directions, if any, issued to him by the Registering Authority in respect of the godown or the essential article stored therein.

Maintenance and Inspection of records.

5. The owner shall maintain and produce for inspection of such books, accounts and record relating to the essential articles stored in or removed from the godown and to furnish such information relating thereto as may be required by the Registering Authority.

Power of search.

6. The Registering Authority may enter and search the godown registered under this Ordinance and seize any essential article in respect of which the Authority has reasons to believe that the information furnished by the owner is not correct or the directions issued by the Registering Authority are being or are about to be contravened.

Appeal

7. Any person aggrieved by an order of the Registering Authority may within thirty days of the order appeal to Government and the orders passed by the Government thereon shall be final.

Penalty.

8. Whoever contravenes any provision of this Ordinance or

order made or directions given by the Registering Authority shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

9. Government may make rules to give effect to the provisions of this Ordinance. **Power to make rules.**