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**AN ACT** to provide for the registration of godowns in the Province of Sindh.

**WHEREAS** it is expedient in the Public interest to provide for the registration of godowns in the Province of Sindh. **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Registration of Godowns Act, 1995. **Short title and commencement.**

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

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context— **Definition.**

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

(ii) “godown” means premises used for storing of an essential article and includes 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 made under this Act;

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

3. No essential article shall be stored or stocked in a godown unless the godown is registered in accordance with the provinces of this Act. **Stocking of essential articles.**

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

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

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(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 Act 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.

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.

**Maintenance and inspection of records.**

6. The Registering Authority may enter and search the godown registered under this Act 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.

**Power of search.**

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 there on shall be final.

**Appeal.**

8. Whoever contravenes any provision of this Act 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.

**Penalty.**

9. Government may make rules to give effect to the provisions of this Act.

**Power to make rules.**

10. The Sindh Registration of Godowns Ordinance, 1995, is hereby repealed.

**Repeal of Sindh Ordinance X of 1995.**