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REGULATIONS FOR STORAGE OF PETROLEUM, ETC.

*At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the
fourteenth day of November, 1922.*

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

Mr. Lawson	Mr. Oman
Mr. McPherson	Mr. Baird
Sir A. J. Peacock	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Clarke	Mr. Angus
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Merritt

WHEREAS by section 11 of the *Local Government Act 1921 (No. 3167)* it is enacted that the Governor in Council may make Regulations applicable to the whole of Victoria, or to such municipal districts (including the city of Melbourne and the city of Geelong) as are specified therein for or with respect to regulating the keeping or storage of petroleum or any product of petroleum (including kerosene), turpentine, or other volatile or inflammable fluids and carbide or other combustible substances: Now therefore His Excellency the Governor in Council of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the said section of the said Act and all other powers him enabling in that behalf, doth hereby make the following Regulations and doth provide that the said Regulations shall apply and have application throughout the whole of the municipal district of the city of Melbourne, and furthermore that such Regulations shall be deemed to be in substitution of any By-law or By-laws made by the Council of the City of Melbourne for the purposes for which these Regulations are now made, and shall take effect from the date of publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*:-

REGULATIONS.

Storage of More than 50 Gallons of Petrol, &c., or More than 250 Gallons of Kerosene, &c.

1. Every person who shall keep store or retain in or upon or about any buildings or premises more than 50 gallons in the aggregate of the volatile fluids mentioned in the Schedule hereto or more than 250 gallons of petroleum or any products of petroleum turpentine or other volatile fluids that will flash or emit an inflammable vapour at not below 73 deg. Fahr. Abel close test shall comply with the following requirements:-

- (1) The site of all buildings shall be first approved of by the Council.
- (2) The buildings shall be constructed with walls of brick, concrete, iron or other non-inflammable material except that in the case of a galvanized-iron structure the lower portion of the walls must be in brick.

- (3) The floor of such buildings shall be made of earth, concrete or brick. The roof of such buildings shall be constructed of incombustible material.
- (4) To prevent outflow the lower portion of all walls to be without break or opening, the capacity of such enclosed space to be at least 25 per cent. of the total volume of volatile fluids kept, stored or retained in any such buildings.

Storage of Less than 50 Gallons of Petrol, &c., or Less than 250 Gallons of Kerosene, &c.

2. Every person who shall keep store or retain in or upon or about any buildings or premises less than 50 gallons in the aggregate of the volatile fluids mentioned in the Schedule hereto or less than 250 gallons of petroleum or any products of petroleum, turpentine or other volatile fluids that will flash or emit an inflammable vapour at not below 73 deg. Fahr. Abel close test shall comply with the following requirements:-

- (1) In quantities not exceeding 50 gallons in the aggregate of any of the volatile fluids mentioned in the Schedule hereto if such volatile fluids are kept in substantial vessels of metal or other approved material including winchesters, so securely closed that neither liquid nor vapour can escape therefrom and if all due precautions are taken to prevent accident by fire or explosion and to prevent the escape of any such volatile fluids into a sewer or drain, and if the position of storage is free from other easily combustible goods and will not menace exits stairways or adjoining premises except that a reasonable quantity not exceeding 12 gallons in the aggregate of the said volatile fluids may be kept in separate glass or earthenware vessels each containing not more than one pint so securely closed or stopped that neither liquid nor vapour can escape therefrom and if the position of storage is free from other easily combustible goods and will not menace exits or stairways.
- (2) In quantities not exceeding 250 gallons of petroleum or any product of petroleum turpentine or other volatile fluids that will flash or emit an inflammable vapour at not below 73 deg. Fahr. Abel close test provided such volatile fluids are kept in substantial vessels of glass earthenware or metal and are suitably closed or stopped, and the position of storage will not menace exits, stairways or adjoining premises.

Precaution to be Taken when Volatile Fluids are Stored in Bulk Containers.

3. Every tank or other container used for the purpose of the storage or keeping of any volatile fluids shall when not in use be kept tightly closed to prevent the escape of such fluids or any vapour or gas emitted therefrom.

Precautions to be Observed in Buildings.

4. Whenever any person shall have in or upon or about any building or premises more than 50 gallons (or more than 12 gallons if kept in glass or earthenware vessels each containing not more than one pint) of the volatile fluids mentioned in the Schedule hereto or more than 250 gallons of petroleum or any products of petroleum turpentine or other volatile fluids that will flash or emit an inflammable vapour at not below 73 deg. Fah. Abel close test he shall observe the following precautions against fire:—

- (1) One 2-gallon carbon tetra-chloride or other approved chemical fire extinguisher shall be kept in such a position as to be easy of access at all times in the event of fire and to be under the supervision of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade where practicable.
- (2) At least two iron buckets or other suitable containers each having a capacity of not less than a quarter of a cubic foot, filled with dry sand shall be kept in position in different parts of the building so as to be easy of access at all times in the event of fire.
- (3) Dry sand shall be used for absorbing all volatile fluids spilt or thrown upon the floor and shall after being so used be forthwith removed from the premises.
- (4) The use of sawdust for absorbing the said volatile fluids is prohibited.

Containers to be Labelled for Retail Sale.

5. Any person who for retail sale fills into small containers on premises any of the volatile fluids mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall have the fire fighting appliances as mentioned in the preceding section and shall clearly label such small containers with the name of the contents and with the following words:—"Highly inflammable. Beware of the vapours. Keep fire away."

Regulations not to Apply to Storage of Alcoholic Spirits.

6. Nothing herein contained shall apply to the storing of alcoholic (other than methylated) spirits.

Conditions to be Observed in the Construction of Tanks.

7. Every person who shall erect or construct any storage tank for the storage of more than 250 gallons of petroleum or any products of petroleum, turpentine or other volatile fluids shall comply with the following requirements:—

- (1) The site of all storage tanks other than underground tanks not exceeding 1,000 gallons capacity shall be first approved by the Council for that purpose.
- (2) Underground tanks not exceeding 1,000 gallons capacity shall be constructed of galvanized steel plate not less than 14 gauge, and be placed not less than 2 feet below the surface of the ground or the lowest floor of any building. Sand shall be filled in over the tank to the level of the ground or floor as the case may require. Tanks shall be adequately ventilated and fitted with safety devices to the satisfaction of the engineer. Filling pipes may be placed where the engineer approves, but so as not to cause any obstruction to the traffic when the tanks are being filled.
- (3) Storage tanks which are erected upon or above the surface of the ground or partly below and partly above the surface of the ground shall be enclosed by a wall of brick, stone, or concrete, or an earthen dam of approved construction; such wall or dam shall be in no case of less height than 2 feet higher than the level to which the oil would rise should it escape from the tanks. An opening may be made in the enclosing wall to permit access to the tank but such opening shall contain a liquid tight door either sliding or opening inward, made of incombustible material, and of sufficient strength to resist any pressure which may be brought to bear on such door by the bursting of the tank enclosed in such wall.

Power to Enter and Inspect.

8. Any officer authorized by the Council may for the purpose of securing the due observance of and compliance with the provisions of these Regulations enter and inspect any building or erection at all reasonable times and do therein all such acts and things as are reasonably necessary for the purpose aforesaid, and any persons who shall in any manner interfere with such officer in the execution of his duty shall be guilty of an offence.

Offence.

9. Every person who shall contravene or fail to comply with any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty.

10. Every person guilty of an offence under these Regulations shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of Two pounds for each succeeding day after a written notice of the offence from the Council.

Definitions.

11. In these Regulations unless inconsistent with the context "approved" means approved in writing by the engineer for the time being of the said city or any deputy appointed by the Council to act for him. "Council" means the Council of the city of Melbourne. "Person" includes firm, corporation, or company; and "volatile fluid" includes any of the volatile fluids mentioned in the Schedule hereto, and also includes petroleum or any products of petroleum, turpentine or other volatile fluids mentioned in these Regulations that will flash or emit an inflammable vapour at not below 73 deg. Fah. Abel close test if such are stored in immediate continuity with the volatile fluids mentioned in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Methylated spirits, benzine, petrol, naphtha, or any other products of petroleum or other volatile fluids that will flash or emit an inflammable vapour below a temperature of 73 deg. Fah. Abel close test.

And the Honorable Frank Clarke, His Majesty's Commissioner of Public Works for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

F. W. MABBOTT,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

These regulations are published in lieu of those appearing in the *Government Gazette* of the 22nd November, 1922, pages 3146-3147.

MINING NOTICES.**SOUTH NEW MOON GOLD MINING COMPANY
NO LIABILITY.**

NOTICE.—A Call (the 36th) of Sixpence per share has been made on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, Beehive Chambers, Bendigo, on Wednesday, 13th December, 1922.

200 GEORGE H. GREEN, Manager.

THE TATONGA TIN MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.

A CALL, the third (3rd) of Twopence per share on the uncalled capital of the company has been made, due and payable at the registered office, 395 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 13th December, 1922.

201 W. A. BUTLER, Manager.

LOCH FINE GOLD MINES NO LIABILITY.

A LL shares forfeited for non-payment of the 48th (November) and previous Calls will be absolutely sold, at the Stock Exchange Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, on Saturday, the 9th December, 1922, at a quarter to Twelve a.m., unless previously redeemed.

JAMES MACKAY, Manager.
National Trustees Building, 125 Queen-street, Melbourne. 202

NEW LANGI LOGAN GOLD MINES NO LIABILITY.

A LL shares forfeited for non-payment of the 140th (November) and previous Calls will be absolutely sold, at the Stock Exchange Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, on Saturday, the 9th December, 1922, at a quarter to Twelve a.m., unless previously redeemed.

JAMES MACKAY, Manager.
National Trustees Building, 125 Queen-street, Melbourne. 203

NEW DAY DAWN GOLD MINES N. L.

NOTICE is hereby given that all shares in arrear of the 68th (November) Call of Three halfpence per share will be sold by public auction, at the Stock Exchange, Collins-street, Melbourne, on Monday, the 11th December, 1922, at Twelve noon.

204 S. J. PLAIN, Manager.

VICTORIAN CENTRAL COAL & IRON MINING CO. N. L.

NOTICE is hereby given that all shares in arrear of the 40th (November) Call of Threepence per share will be sold by public auction, at the Stock Exchange, Collins-street, Melbourne, on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1922, at Twelve noon.

205 S. J. PLAIN, Manager.