

**BERMUDA STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

**SR&O 69/1951**

**PUBLIC HEALTH (WATER STORAGE) REGULATIONS 1951**

*[made under section 25 of the Public Health Act 1949 [title 11 item 1] and brought into operation on 12 December 1951]*

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**Citation**

1 These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Water Storage) Regulations 1951.

**Interpretation**

2 In these Regulations "the Act" means the Public Health Act 1949 [*title 11 item 1*];

**Catchment size; tank capacity**

3 (1) Subject as provided in paragraph (3), any building which is used—

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- (a) for human occupation, whether as a dwelling-house, school, place of employment or otherwise; or
- (b) as a manufactory of food or drink; or
- (c) as a place for the service of food or drink to customers therein,

shall have not less than four-fifths of its roof adequately guttered for catching rain water or shall be provided with a ground catchment of an area not less than four-fifths of the area of the roof of the building; and as respects that building, the area of four-fifths of the total area of the roof of the building shall, for the purposes of Part III of the Act and of these Regulations, be the prescribed area of the catchment provided in respect of that building.

(2) Subject as provided in paragraph (3), the storage capacity of the tank or tanks provided in respect of any building mentioned in paragraph (1) shall be not less than one hundred gallons for every ten square feet of the prescribed area of the catchment provided in respect of that building; and, as respects that building, such storage capacity shall, for the purposes of Part III of the Act and of these Regulations, be the prescribed capacity of the tank provided in respect of that building,

(3) Where it is made to appear to the Minister—

(a) that it is not practicable—

- (i) to gutter four-fifths or more of the roof of a building mentioned in paragraph (1) for catching rain water; or
- (ii) to provide a ground catchment having the prescribed area; or
- (iii) to provide a tank or tanks having the prescribed capacity; and

(b) that the building can in the opinion of the Minister, be adequately supplied with drinking water from a main piped supply,

the Minister may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as he may think proper to impose, allow the owner or occupier of the building to dispense in part or in whole with paragraph (1) or of paragraph (2) .

(4) For the purposes of this regulation the area of a catchment shall be deemed to be its area measured horizontally.

### **Construction of tanks**

4 A tank provided for the storage of drinking water—

- (a) shall be constructed of stone, concrete or galvanised iron, and shall, if under a building, be covered with a

concrete roofing, and, if not under a building, shall be covered with a roofing of stone, concrete or galvanised iron;

- (b) shall have an opening sufficiently large to allow entry to the tank for inspection or cleaning, and such opening shall be fitted with a sound and tightly fitting door;
- (c) shall have sufficient openings for proper ventilation, and such openings shall be screened to prevent the entry of mosquitoes;
- (d) shall, as respects all inlets, outlets, inspection doors, ventilation openings and filters, be so constructed as to prevent fouling or pollution of water stored in the tank.

**Individual tanks**

5 A tank shall not, without the permission of the Minister, be used for the supply in common of two or more dwelling-houses:

Provided that no such permission shall be required if the tank is divided by a partition in such a manner that each division of the tank has, as respects the dwelling-house supplied therefrom, a storage capacity not less than the prescribed capacity in respect of that house.

**Connection of catchments with tanks**

6 The catchment or catchments provided in respect of any building mentioned in regulation 3(1) shall be properly connected by of adequate size to the tank or tanks provided in respect of the building.

**Cleaning of tanks**

7 Every tank provided in respect of a building mentioned in regulation 3(1) shall be cleared of sludge and properly cleaned not less often than once in every six years.

**Offences**

8 Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence against these Regulations.

**Punishments**

9 Where a person commits an offence against these Regulations:

Punishment on summary conviction: a fine of \$168 in respect of each offence; and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction: a fine of \$420; and where any such offence as aforesaid is a continuing offence, the person guilty of the offence shall, in addition to any punishment provided in this section, be liable in respect of each day during which the offence continues to a fine of \$33.60.

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