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FUEL OIL
An Act to prevent preferential treatment of the ships of any nationality by companies, firms or persons engaged in the supply of fuel in The Bahamas.

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| <p>1. This Act may be cited as the Fuel Oil Act.</p> | <p>Short title.</p> |
| <p>2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —</p> <p>“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Licensing of Shops and Businesses;</p> <p>“oil” means fuel oil for the use of ships, whether burnt under boilers or consumed in internal combustion engines;</p> <p>“person” includes an agent or manager;</p> <p>“rules” means rules made under this Act;</p> <p>“station” means an oil bunkering station, and includes any building or place intended for the storage or supply of oil.</p> | <p>Interpretation</p> <p><i>E.L.A.O., 1974.</i></p> |
| <p>3. It shall not be lawful for any person to establish a station in The Bahamas without first obtaining a licence under this Act.</p> | <p>Licence required to establish station.</p> |
| <p>4. The Minister may make rules —</p> <p>(a) imposing conditions under which a licence may be granted;</p> <p>(b) for the prevention of preferential treatment of ships of any nationality by any person engaged in the supply of oil;</p> <p>(c) prescribing the form of licence to be issued under this Act;</p> <p>(d) generally for the purposes of this Act.</p> | <p>Rules.</p> <p><i>E.L.A.O., 1974.</i></p> |
| <p>5. (1) The Minister may grant a licence to any person desirous of establishing a station in accordance with this Act, and every such licence shall remain in force until cancelled under this Act.</p> | <p>Power of Minister to grant licences.</p> <p><i>E.L.A.O., 1974.</i></p> |

(2) No such licence, or any interest thereunder shall be assigned without the written consent of the Minister.

(3) The Minister may at any time on good cause shown cancel any licence granted under this Act.

Contracts
contrary to
provision of Act
unenforceable.

6. No action shall be brought upon any contract, agreement or undertaking entered into by any person conflicting with the terms of this Act or the rules or of any licence issued hereunder.

Penalty and
persons liable to
same.
5 of 1987, Sch.

7. (1) Any person committing a breach of this Act, or the rules, or of the terms of any licence issued hereunder, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and shall be liable to a fine of five hundred dollars; and in the case of a company or firm, every director or manager thereof who shall knowingly or wilfully authorise or permit any such breach shall be liable to a like penalty.

(2) Upon any conviction under this Act any licence granted hereunder may be cancelled by the convicting magistrate.

E.L.A.O., 1974.

(3) A copy of any licence issued hereunder certified by the Financial Secretary shall be admitted in evidence without further proof.

Right of access
to station and
inspection of
books.
E.L.A.O., 1974.

8. Any person authorised by the Minister shall have the right of access at all times to any station and to the books kept for the purposes of the business conducted under a licence issued under this Act.

Proceedings.

9. (1) All proceedings under this Act shall be taken summarily before a magistrate.

(2) An appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court from any conviction under this Act.

Saving.

10. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed so as to compel any person to supply oil to the ships of any country belligerent to the country of the proprietors of any station.

Expenses.

11. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund by warrant in the usual manner.