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*(Made by the Minister on the 24th day of June, 2008)*

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Gardens (Control) Regulations, 2008.

2. No person shall, without lawful authority—

- (a) climb any tree, or walk on any border or flower bed in a public garden;
- (b) touch, cut or pick any flower, leaf, seed, fruit, twig or branch of a tree, or in any way injure any plant in the public garden; or
- (c) use the ornamental waters in any public garden for any purpose whatsoever.

3. Except with the written permission of the Superintendent of Public Gardens, no person shall, in a public garden, plant any flower, shrub, tree of any plant or sow or scatter any seed of any flower, shrub, tree or any plant.

4. No person shall, in a public garden, pollute or cause to be polluted any water in a river, stream, lake, pond, fountain or in any container.

5. Unless authorized in writing in that behalf by the Superintendent of Public Gardens, no person shall, in a public garden, sell or offer or expose for sale any flowers or plants or any article.

6.—(1) No person, other than a person authorized by the Superintendent of Public Gardens and wearing an official badge evidencing his authority, shall approach any visitor to any public garden with an offer to serve as a guide in the garden.

(2) No person shall molest or annoy any visitor to a public garden.

7.—(1) No person shall—

- (a) remove from a public garden; or
- (b) in a public garden willfully disturb, ill-treat, injure or kill,

any animal, bird, reptile or fish.

(2) No person shall disturb, damage or destroy any egg of any animal, bird, reptile or fish lawfully kept in the public garden.

8. Every person having in his possession any bag, basket, parcel or receptacle in a public garden shall, if so required, show the contents thereof to a park keeper or a constable who reasonably suspects that the person has in his possession any flower, leaf, seed, fruit, twig or branch, cut or picked, in breach of regulation 2.

9. Unless authorized in writing in that behalf by the Superintendent of Public Gardens, no person shall hold any public meeting, deliver any address, give any public performance, display or exhibition or otherwise conduct any public ceremony in a public garden.

10. Subject to regulation 11(2), no person shall—

- (a) in a public garden, run, jog, play cricket, football, baseball, hockey, volleyball, netball or conduct any similar activity;
- (b) fly any model airplane or bring into, or use in any public garden, any equipment or apparatus therefor.

11.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 9 and paragraph (2), no person shall bring, carry or use any musical instrument, radio receiver or television receiver within the limits of a public garden.

(2) This regulation and regulation 10 shall not apply to radio receivers to which earphones are fitted, nor to motor car radio receivers.

12. No person shall—

- (a) bring any dog or other animal within the limits of any public garden;
- (b) cause such dog or other animal to enter, within the limits of a public garden; or
- (c) cause a dog or other animal to trespass in a public garden.

13. No person shall, in a public garden, willfully and unreasonably interfere with the comfort of, or cause any annoyance to, any other person.

14. No person shall, in a public garden, solicit or accept any alms, donation, contribution or subscription of any kind.

15. No person shall, in a public garden, throw or discharge any stone or other missile or light any fire or fireworks.

16. No person shall, in a public garden—

- (a) deposit, throw down, or leave otherwise than in receptacles provided for that purpose, any bottle, tin, container, glass, paper or refuse of any kind;

- (b) deposit, discharge or leave any noxious, noisome, offensive or polluting substance, matter or thing;
- (c) deposit or leave any offal, dead animal, dung or any filth;
- (d) deposit, throw down or leave in any receptacles any domestic garbage; and
- (e) willfully break any article of glass, china, pottery, plastic or brittle material.

17.—(1) No person shall injure or deface, by writing or otherwise, any building, structure, statue, ornament, seat, wall, railing or thing in or enclosing any part of a public garden, or willfully damage or deface any lawn, road or path.

(2) No person shall exhibit or affix any notice, advertisement or other written pictorial matter on any building, structure, statue, ornament, seat, wall, railing, or thing in or enclosing any part of a public garden except with the written permission of the Superintendent of Public Gardens.

18. Except with the prior written permission of the Superintendent of Public Gardens, no person shall, in a public garden, erect any stall, building or any other structure.

19. Except with the prior written permission of the Superintendent of Public Gardens and having paid the fee determined by the Minister, no person shall take for commercial purposes, any footage of a public garden by means of photography, film, video, or any similar means.

20. No person shall, in a public garden, conduct himself in a disorderly or indecent manner or be indecently clothed.

21. No person shall, in a public garden, use any profane, indecent or obscene language.

22.—(1) No person shall drive, ride or bring, as the case may be, any trucks, buses, cars, motor bikes, carts, drays or wagons into any public garden except on business connected with the garden.

(2) Except along the public roadways, no person shall ride any bicycle within the limits of any public garden.

23. No person shall drive a vehicle within the limits of a public garden in excess of 15 kilometres per hour.

24. No person shall enter or leave any public garden otherwise than by the gates provided for entrance and exit respectively, and if so required by a park keeper or constable, a person shall leave the garden only by the gates specified by the park keeper or constable, as the case may be.

25. No visitor to a public garden shall enter or remain in the public garden or any park, or zoo thereof after the time appointed for the closing of the public garden or park, or while there is a notice therein stating that the garden or park is closed.

26. Every person entering a public garden in any vehicle shall cause such vehicle to be parked in the appropriate area designated for the parking of vehicles.

27. A person who contravenes a provision of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction in a Resident Magistrate's Court to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.