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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (R.S.A. c. P125)

RODENT CONTROL REGULATIONS

Note: These Regulations are enabled under section 8 of the Public Health Act, R.S.A. c. P125.

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Interpretation

1. For the purpose of these Regulations—

"business premises" means any structure, whether in private or public ownership, that is adapted for occupancy for transaction of business or for display, sale or storage of goods, wares or merchandise, and includes abattoirs, bakeries, bars, boarding houses, dairies, food or provision shops, groceries, hostels, guest-houses, hotels, markets, restaurants, shops, stores, supermarkets, warehouses, and all barns, outhouses, paddocks, sheds and other structures on premises used for business purposes;

"harbourage" means any condition in, under or outside of any structure which provides shelter or protection for rodents, thus favouring their multiplication or continual existence in, under or outside of any structure;

"institution" means any structure, whether in private or public ownership, to which persons are admitted for physical or mental care or for instruction or for detention under any process of law and in which food is prepared or served and includes hospitals, infirmaries, maternity homes, nursing homes, prisons and schools, and all sheds and outhouses on the premises of any such institution;

"occupier" means the individual, partnership or corporation that uses, occupies or manages any business premises or institution or part thereof whether as owner or tenant;

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"owner" includes the owner or tenant, and the agent or the custodian of any business premises or institution, whether such premises or institution is in use or vacant;

"premises" has the same meaning as it has in the Public Health Act;

"rodent" includes rat or mouse;

"rodent eradication" means the elimination or extermination of rodents by any or all of the accepted measures such as poisoning, fumigation, trapping and rodent-proofing;

"rodent-proofing" means a form of construction intended to prevent the ingress of rodents into any business premises or institution from the exterior or from any such premises or institution to another, and shall consist essentially of treatment with material impervious to rodent gnawing of all actual or potential openings in exterior walls, ground floors, roofs and foundations that may be reached by rodents by climbing or by burrowing.

Maintenance of premises in rodent-free condition

2. The owner of every business premises or institution shall maintain such premises or institution in a rodent-proofed and rodent-free condition to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Officer.

Power to require rodent-proofing of premises

3. An Environmental Health Officer may by notice in writing require the owner of any business premises or institution to take measures for rodent-proofing the premises or institution within such time, not being less than 30 days as may be specified in the notice.

Power to extend time for rodent-proofing of premises

4. The Senior Environmental Health Officer may in his discretion extend the time specified in any notice given in accordance with section 3, but any such extension shall not exceed 30 days except with the approval of the Director of Health Services.

Power to require rodent eradication measures

5. An Environmental Health Officer may by notice in writing require the occupier of any business premises or institution to undertake rodent eradication measures in any such premises or institution where there is evidence of rodent infestation.

Steps to be taken within time specified for rodent-proofing

6. The owner of any business premises or institution who receives a notice in accordance with section 3 shall take immediate measures to comply with the notice within the time specified therein or within the time to which an extension may have been granted by the Senior Environmental Health Officer or by the Director of Health Services.

Rodent eradication measures to be maintained until declared free of infestation

7. The occupier of any business premises or institution who receives a notice in accordance with section 5 shall within 10 days of the receipt of such notice institute rodent eradication measures and shall continuously maintain such measures to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Officer until such time as the building or institution is declared by the Environmental Health Officer to be free of rodent infestation.

Minister may close premises harbouring rodents

8. Where, after due notice has been served in accordance with section 3 or 5, any occupied business premises or institution provides, in the opinion of the Environmental Health Officer, extensive harbourage for

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rodents, the Minister may close such premises or institution until such time as the Environmental Health Officer declares conditions to have been abated by rodent-proofing or rodent extermination.

Food to be stored in rodent-proofed containers

9. Every person having in his possession or under his control any food for feeding poultry, cows, pigs, horses or other animals shall, unless such food is stored in a rodent-proofed building, store such food in rodent-proofed containers, compartments or rooms.

Dumping of waste matter prohibited

10. No person shall place, leave or dump any waste animal or vegetable matter or any dead animal or any garbage, rubbish or trash in or on any occupied or unoccupied premises or on any vacant lot or on any lane, alley, road, street or highway.

Offences and penalties

11. Any person failing to comply with these Regulations or with any notice served thereunder is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of $600 or to a term of imprisonment of 3 months or to both, and in addition in the case of a continuing offence to a fine of $100 for each day the offence continues after a conviction is first obtained.

Citation

12. These Regulations may be cited as the Rodent Control Regulations, Revised Regulations of Anguilla, P125-9.

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