

## Storage of Petroleum

Cap.172.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM (LICENSING)  
REGULATIONS, 1929

**Authority:** These regulations were made on 4th July, 1929 by the Governor-in-Executive under the *Petroleum (Amendment) Act, 1912*<sup>1</sup> (1912-21).

**Governor-in-Executive**

**Committee:** These powers are now vested in the Minister under section 25 of the *Storage of Petroleum Act, Cap. 172*.

**Commencement:** 29th October, 1929.

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the *Storage of Petroleum (Licensing) Regulations, 1929*.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

"Volatile petroleum" means volatile petroleum as defined in section 2 of the *Petroleum Act 1882*.<sup>1</sup> Provided that when any Petroleum other than that to which the said *Petroleum Act* 1975/54. applies is on or in any locomotive, or is being conveyed or kept in any place on or in which there is also present any volatile petroleum as above defined, the whole of such petroleum shall be deemed to be volatile petroleum.

The expression "volatile petroleum" applies to petrol, benzine, petroleum spirit, petroleum ether, and other products of petroleum oil and paraffin oil.

"Licensed person" means a person licensed by the Minister to import volatile petroleum, and any person who has obtained a licence from the Accountant General

(a) to store and sell volatile petroleum, or

(b) to store and keep volatile petroleum.

<sup>1</sup>The Petroleum Act 1912-21 is now the Storage of Petroleum Act Cap. 172.

"Approved" means approved by the Minister.

"Storehouse" means an approved underground storage tank in an approved location, and, any room, building, coach-house, lean to, or other place (excepting the Petroleum Warehouse) in which volatile petroleum is allowed to be kept in pursuance of these regulations.

### IMPORTATION

2. No person shall import volatile petroleum unless he has obtained a licence to do so from the Minister.

3. All volatile petroleum imported into Barbados shall be landed and stored in the Petroleum Warehouse or such other place as may be approved.

4. The Officer in charge of the Petroleum Warehouse shall, on the written order of the importer, deliver volatile petroleum in the original packages to licensed persons, and the said Officer shall keep a register showing the names of licensed persons, the address and situation of storehouse, date of delivery of volatile petroleum, amount delivered. The written order must be countersigned by the licensed person, and must state the amount in the storehouse of that licensed person at the time of signing the order, and must be in the Form or to the effect set out in *Schedule A* hereto annexed.

### SALE

5. No person shall sell volatile petroleum unless he has first obtained from the Accountant General a licence to do so in the Form in *Schedule B* hereto.

6. No person shall sell volatile petroleum delivered under regulation 4 to anyone other than a licensed person, nor shall any person other than a licensed person keep volatile petroleum delivered under regulation 4.

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**STORAGE**

7. No person shall store and keep volatile petroleum unless he has first obtained from the Accountant General a licence to do so in the Form in *Schedule C* hereto.

8. (1) Every application for permission to store volatile petroleum must be accompanied by a sketch plan drawn to scale showing the building to be used or constructed for use as a storehouse. Such plans shall show the distance from the building to the nearest building on each side of it; and the nature of the materials to be used in the construction shall be marked on the plan.

(2) Every such building shall be properly ventilated, and shall be lighted either naturally or by approved electric light, and no building shall be used as a storehouse, until it shall have been approved.

(3) No such storehouse shall, except by special permission of the Minister, be used for any purpose other than the storage of volatile petroleum.

(4) No cloth of any kind or bag or cotton waste or other fibrous absorbent material or any inflammable material of any kind shall at any time be brought into or allowed to remain in any such storehouse.

9. Volatile petroleum may be kept in an approved underground storage tank in an approved location in such quantity as the Minister may in any case sanction. The following conditions shall be observed:

(1) The tank shall be placed in an approved location underground and properly secured. The tank shall be covered with reinforced concrete and may be fitted with a manhole at least 2 feet square having a cover made of metal and screwed down; provided that if the tank is under a building, such reinforced concrete covering shall not be less than 6 inches thick.

(2) The tank shall always be filled from the barrel or original packages by means of an approved syphon system.

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(3) The storage system shall include a measuring pump of the lock-up type with certified measuring arrangement unless in any case the Minister shall see fit to relax this condition in any particular.

(4) The pump shall be in such a position, and supplied with such a length of proper hose with connectors, that the petrol can be delivered direct into the tank of a locomotive or other receptacle.

(5) The tank shall be supplied with an approved

(a) fill-pipe and lock-box, and vent pipe ending in the open air at a height of not less than 12 feet from the surface of the ground and suitably protected by 2 wire gauze diaphragms.

(b) All tanks shall be electrically earthed or grounded.

10. It shall be lawful for the Minister to permit a licensed person to keep and use a mobile pump and tank distributor for the conveyance through and delivery in approved streets of volatile petroleum from a delivery station to the tank of a locomotive drawn up in such street. Such wheeled tank shall pay the customary Highway tax, but shall be exempt from the provisions requiring the affixing of 2 lights. It shall, however, be lawful for the operator of the mobile tank to use an electric torch, when necessary to see the figures of the measuring gauge.

11. No volatile petroleum shall be stored in any building in which there is an approved underground storage tank except in such tank and no more than 60 gallons of volatile petroleum contained in a single cask (steel) or other vessel (steel) of a maximum capacity of 60 gallons shall be kept in a storehouse other than an approved underground storage tank at any one time unless permission shall have been granted by the Minister to keep more than one such cask or vessel in any such building or storehouse for temporary or emergency purposes.

12. If either during the construction or after the completion of any storehouse the Minister or his Inspector shall find any thing or practice to be dangerous or defective he may give notice thereof in

writing to the applicant for a licence or the licensee as the case may be and require the same to be remedied within a stated time. If the applicant for a licence or the licensee objects to remedy the matter complained of in the notice he may, within the time specified in the notice send his objection in writing stating the ground thereof to the Minister and thereupon the matter shall be determined by the Minister. The applicant or licensee shall be held responsible for any delay on his part in not complying with the order of the Inspector. If the applicant for a licence or licensee fails when no objection is sent as aforesaid to comply with the requisition of the notice within the time prescribed or when there has been an order to comply with the decision of the Minister he shall be refused a licence in the one case or his licence shall be cancelled in the other.

### LICENCES

13. (1) No person shall manufacture volatile petroleum unless he has obtained a licence to do so from the Minister.

(2) A licence to sell volatile petroleum in accordance with the Form set out in *Schedule B* hereto shall be issued by the Accountant General on the production by the applicant of a certificate from the Minister that such licence is authorised by him and on payment of a sum of \$250. Such licence shall be granted for a period not exceeding 12 months from 15th January in the year of issue and shall be renewable from time to time on payment for each renewal of a sum of \$50 dollars. 1975/54.

(3) A licence to keep and store a specified amount of volatile petroleum in the Form in *Schedule C* hereto will be granted and will be renewable subject to the conditions prescribed by regulation 14 hereof and will be made terminable on the 15th day of January in the year next succeeding the year in which it is issued. The fee for each such licence shall be \$100 and for each renewal \$100. 1975/54.

14. No new licence to keep and store volatile petroleum and no new licence to store and sell volatile petroleum shall be granted and no existing licence of either kind shall be renewed for any storehouse unless the applicant in each case shall first pay into the

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- 1975/54. Treasury a sum of \$50 for inspection of, and report on, his storehouse by the person appointed by the Minister under section 16 of these regulations and unless the person so appointed shall report to the Minister that such storehouse is suitable and fit for the purpose.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

15. Volatile petroleum shall not be imported, conveyed, stored or kept except in metal vessels so substantially constructed as not to be liable, except under circumstances of gross negligence or extraordinary accident, to be broken or become defective or insecure. Every such vessel shall be so constructed and maintained that no leakage, whether of liquid or vapour, can take place therefrom.

16. Any person appointed by the Minister may at any time and as often as he may see fit enter and inspect any such storehouse or storage tank; and in case he shall at any time find therein that in consequence of a breach of any of these regulations a situation of danger has arisen, he may seal up the storehouse, if he considers it necessary to do so, pending a report to the Minister and his decision in the matter.

17. The licence or a copy thereof shall be conspicuously displayed on or near the storehouse or storage tank; and the storehouse or storage tank shall have inscribed on or near it in legible letters the following: "Licensed Storehouse for Volatile Petroleum No.       ;" the number being filled in according to the licence.

18. (a) In every storehouse and within 20 feet of every underground storage tank there shall be kept ready for use one, or if the person appointed by the Minister under No. 16 of these regulations so directs, one or more approved Chemical Fire Extinguishers.
- (b) The filling or replenishing of a vessel with volatile petroleum shall not be carried on, nor shall the contents of any such vessel be exposed in the presence of fire or artificial light except a light of such construction, position

or character, as is not liable to ignite any inflammable vapour arising from such spirit; and no fire or artificial light capable of igniting inflammable vapour shall be brought within dangerous proximity of the place where any vessel containing volatile petroleum is being kept. Every cask or other vessel from which volatile petroleum is being emptied or has been completely emptied shall be kept properly and securely closed and fastened unless all volatile petroleum and dangerous vapours derived or arising therefrom shall have been removed from such cask or vessel.

**19.** In the storage and conveying of petroleum oil all due precaution shall be taken for the prevention of accidents by fire or explosion, and for the prevention of unauthorised persons having access to any volatile petroleum stored or conveyed, and to the vessel containing or intended to contain, or having actually contained the same.

**20.** (1) No smoking shall be permitted in or about a storehouse and suitable notices to this effect shall be conspicuously posted on the premises.

(2) No person in or about a storehouse shall do any act which tends to cause fire or explosion.

**21.** Any licensed person who keeps volatile petroleum shall permit any duly authorised officer of the Government or any member of the Royal Barbados Police Force to inspect such volatile petroleum at any reasonable time.

**22.** Any person committing a breach of any of these regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$480.

**23.** Nothing in these regulations shall prevent the sale by a licensed person of a single cask or other vessel containing not more than 60 gallons of volatile petroleum to, or the storing and keeping of one of such cask or vessel of volatile petroleum without licence by

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- (a) the licensed owner of a locomotive; and
- (b) any person to be used for lighting or any domestic purpose.

SCHEDULE A

(1)

I hereby certify that the quantity of Petroleum in my Storehouse is as follows:-

Storehouse No.	Gallons
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Signed.....

Please deliver.....volatile petroleum to .....licensed person.

(Signed).....  
Owner of volatile petroleum.

No.:

SCHEDULE B

Selling Licence No.....

Under the Petroleum (Amendment) Act, 1912<sup>1</sup>, a Licence to store and sell volatile petroleum in and from the licensed Storehouse No.....situated at .....is hereby granted to.....until the 15th day of January, 19.....

Accountant General.

<sup>1</sup>The Petroleum Act 1912-21 is now the Storage of Petroleum Act Cap. 172.



SCHEDULE C

Storage Licence No.....

Under the Petroleum (Amendment) Act 1912 a Licence to keep and store volatile petroleum to an amount not exceeding .....gallons in, and to use the same from, Licensed Storehouse No.....situated at .....is hereby granted to.....until the 15th day of January, 19.....

Accountant General.

