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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From H. LUSON, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Judicial), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 11th August 1899, No. 1118-A.

In continuation of my letter No. 875, dated the 16th June last, upon the subject of the application of certain provisions of the Indian Petroleum Act, 1899, to carbide of calcium, I am directed to say that the draft Notification No. 809 (Judicial), published by this department on the 2nd June last, has been taken into consideration by the Governor-General in Council, and that no sufficient reason has been found for altering it in any respect. The notification, of which the draft was previously published as above, has accordingly this day been finally issued.*

* Copy enclosed.

2. I am to request that the draft rules for the importation, transport and possession of carbide of calcium in the Madras Presidency, which the Government of Madras were asked for in my letter of the 16th June last, may be submitted as soon as possible.

3. I am also to say that the question of fees for licenses for the importation, transport and possession of carbide of calcium should now be considered. The fee in England for a license to keep this substance is understood to be five shillings for a period of one year. The Government of India are accordingly of opinion that a fee of Rs. 5 per annum for a license to cover the importation, transport and possession of any quantity of carbide of calcium will be sufficient for this country, and I am to request that, unless the Governor in Council sees any objection, the levy of a fee at this rate may be prescribed in the rules to be made by the Government of Madras.

4. It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that it is dangerous to allow carbide of calcium to be kept in cases of very large size, and I am to suggest that the rules to be made under section 9 of the Act should provide that not more than 1½ cwt. of the substance should be imported, transported or possessed in one cylinder or vessel.

ENCLOSURE.

DRAFT Notification of the Government of India, Home Department (Judicial), dated Simla, 11th August 1899, No. 1118.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Indian Petroleum Act, 1899 (VIII of 1899), the Governor-General in Council is pleased to apply to carbide of calcium the provisions of sections 5, 6, 8 to 10, 12 to 18, 23 and 24 of the said Act and to fix 5 lbs. as the limit of the quantity of carbide of calcium which, under section 5 of the said Act, as applied by this notification, may not be imported, transported, or kept without a license, and to fix 5 lbs. as the limit of the quantity of carbide of calcium which, under section 6 of the said Act, may be transported, or kept by any one person, or on the same premises, without a license.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of the said Act the Governor-General in Council is further pleased to make the following rules:—

1. Carbide of calcium kept or transported without a license, under section 6 of the said Act, as applied by this notification, shall be kept in separate substantial hermetically-closed metal vessels containing not more than 1 lb. each.

2. Carbide of calcium (a) which is imported or is kept at any place after seven days from the date of its importation, or (b) which is transported, or (c) which is sold or exposed for sale, shall be contained in hermetically-closed metal vessels, having attached thereto labels in conspicuous characters stating the description of the carbide of calcium with the addition of the words "Dangerous if not kept dry and liable, if brought into contact with moisture, to give off a highly inflammable gas" and with the addition, (d) in the case of a vessel kept, of the name and address of the consignee or owner; (e) in the case of a vessel transported, of the name and address of the sender; and (f) in the case of a vessel sold or exposed for sale, of the name and address of the vendor.

(Signed) A. H. L. FRASER,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER—No. 1343, Judicial, dated 23rd August 1899.

The notification will be republished in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English and in the several vernaculars.

2. Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the Government of India letter will be communicated to the Committee appointed by G.O., No. 1108, Judicial, dated 12th July 1899, with the request that the suggestions therein contained may be embodied in the draft rules for the importation, transport and possession of carbide of calcium and that the draft may be submitted to Government at a very early date.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

„ all District Magistrates.
„ the Revenue Department.
„ the Marine Department.
„ the Local and Municipal Department. ✓

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