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[Despatch Abstract.]

Cable of Calcutta. Pres. J. M. L. Sept.

directing the publication in three consecutive
issues of the Fort St George Gazette of certain
draftsmen which it is proposed to issue for
the importation, transport & possession of
— in this Presidency, command to officers
of the R.W.D.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the President and the Members of the Carbide of Calcium Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 1st September 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding a set of rules drafted under the Petroleum Act, 1899, for the importation, transport and possession of carbide of calcium.

ORDER—No. 1633, Judicial, dated 9th October 1899.

The following notifications will be published in English and in the vernaculars of the Presidency in three consecutive issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION I.

The following draft rules, which it is proposed to issue in exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 of the Indian Petroleum Act, 1899 (VIII of 1899), are published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules will be taken into consideration on or after the 1st November 1899.

2. Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect to the draft rules before the date aforesaid will receive consideration.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 of the Petroleum Act, 1899 (VIII of 1899), the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased, subject to the sanction of the Governor-General in Council, to make the following rules to regulate the importation of carbide of calcium by sea into the Presidency of Madras :—

1. Madras is hereby declared to be the only port at which carbide of calcium may be imported.

2. (1) The master of every ship arriving at the port of Madras and carrying more than 5 lbs. of carbide of calcium intended for Madras shall, on entering his vessel inwards and before landing any cargo, declare in writing to the Collector of Sea Customs the quantity and description of carbide of calcium, intended for Madras, which the ship is carrying.

(2) When the master of a ship shall have made the declaration referred to in rule 2 (1), the Collector of Sea Customs shall give permission to land and convey to the combustible shed all the carbide of calcium intended for Madras.

(3) Samples shall then be taken of each kind of carbide of calcium brought by the vessel and these samples shall be forwarded to the Chemical Examiner for test.

(4) If after test the carbide of calcium is declared by the Chemical Examiner to be pure and properly packed the importers may remove it under a proper transport license to premises in respect of which a license for the possession of carbide of calcium has been granted.

(5) If the Chemical Examiner declares the carbide of calcium to be impure or improperly packed, the Collector shall give notice to the importer to export the carbide of calcium within seven days, and if the importer fails to export it the Collector shall cause it to be destroyed.

(6) The fee for testing each sample shall be Rs. 5.

3. Carbide of calcium shall be landed only in cargo boats, and after sunrise and before sunset, and only at such place or places as the conservator of the port shall direct.

4. Carbide of calcium shall be imported only in hermetically sealed tins containing not more than 5 lbs. each. These tins shall be packed in steel or iron drums hermetically closed and containing not more than 100 lbs. each.

Date.

5. To each tin or drum containing carbide of calcium shall be attached a label in conspicuous characters stating that the vessel contains carbide of calcium, which is dangerous, if not kept dry, and liable, if brought into contact with moisture, to give off a highly inflammable gas.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 of the Petroleum Act, 1899 (VIII of 1899), the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased, subject to the sanction of the Governor-General in Council, to make the following rules to regulate the granting of licenses to possess or transport carbide of calcium in the Presidency of Madras :—

1. "City of Madras" includes every place for the time being within the local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the High Court of Judicature at Madras.

2. These rules shall extend, so far as they apply to carbide of calcium, to all the territories administered by the Governor of Fort St. George in Council.

3. Licenses for the possession of carbide of calcium shall be granted only when—

- (1) the building, in which the carbide of calcium is to be stored, is constructed with stone or brick walls, with terraced, tiled or iron roofs, and with tiled, paved or ear then floors;
- (2) the building is well ventilated and water tight to the satisfaction of the licensing officer;
- (3) the building is separated by a clear open space of twenty feet on every side from any other building. Provided that the licensing officer may, for special reasons to be stated in writing, dispense with this condition.
- (4) No license is necessary for possession of carbide of calcium to the amount of 5 lbs. or less.

4. Carbide of calcium shall be stored on shelves or trestles standing at least 2 feet above the level of the ground.

5. Carbide of calcium (a) which is transported or (b) which is sold or exposed for sale shall be contained in hermetically closed metal vessels, having attached thereto labels in conspicuous characters stating that they contain 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 (c) in the case of a vessel kept, of the name and address of the consignee or owner; (d) in the case of a vessel transported, of the name and address of the sender; and (e) in the case of a vessel sold or exposed for sale, of the name and address of the vendor.

6. The licensing officer, or any police officer of or above the rank of the head constable appointed by him, may enter any place or premises in respect of which a license for the possession of carbide of calcium has been granted, for the purpose of inspecting the same at any time after sunrise and before sunset.

7. The licensing officer or any police officer as aforesaid may require a sample to be delivered to him from any receptacle containing carbide of calcium stored in any place or premises in respect of which a license for the possession of carbide of calcium has been granted; the procedure prescribed in sections 12 and 13 of the Act shall apply to any demand for samples made under this rule and to the testing of such samples.

8. Licenses for the transport of carbide of calcium in quantities exceeding 5 lbs. may, at the discretion of the licensing officer, be either general or special.

9. (1) General licenses may be issued for a period of twelve months. Such licenses shall be granted in Form C.

(2) The holder of a general license in Form C shall, with each consignment of carbide of calcium conveyed under cover of his license, issue a pass in Form D appended to these rules, specifying the places from and to which the carbide of calcium is to be conveyed and the quantity of carbide of calcium covered by it. Each pass shall be numbered.

10. Special licenses for the transport of carbide of calcium (Form B) shall be in force for such period not exceeding six months from the date of the grant of the license as may be specified in the license.

11. Every special license for the transport of carbide of calcium shall specify the places from and to which, respectively, the carbide of calcium is to be conveyed, the quantity of carbide of calcium covered by the license, and the time for which the license is to be in force.

12. Applications for special licenses for the transport of carbide of calcium shall specify quantity of carbide of calcium to be transported, the places from and to which, and the route by which, the carbide of calcium is to be conveyed, and the time likely to be occupied in the journey, and shall describe the receptacles in which the carbide of calcium is to be contained.

13. Licenses for the transport of carbide of calcium shall only be granted if the carbide of calcium to be transported is contained in air-tight drums of steel or iron, or in air-tight tins, which are themselves packed in sawdust in wooden boxes. Not more than 5 lbs. of carbide of calcium shall be packed in each such tin, and not more than 100 lbs. in each package. A transport license shall not be granted for more than 500 lbs. at one time.

14. When carbide of calcium is transported by rail not more than 500 lbs. shall be carried by one passenger train. The wagons in which carbide of calcium is carried by rail shall be well ventilated and protected from rain. Under no circumstances shall a lamp or other light be taken into a vehicle containing carbide of calcium.

15. It shall be the duty of all police officers to see that the carbide of calcium is carried only by such route as may be specified in the license, and any such officer may stop and inspect any carbide of calcium in transit.

16. Licenses for the possession or transport of carbide of calcium will be granted in Madras by the Commissioner of Police of the City of Madras, and elsewhere by the District Magistrate or any Magistrate of the first class, or by such other officer as the Local Government may, from time to time, by an order in writing appoint in this behalf.

17. An uniform fee of Rs. 5 will be charged to cover possession and transport of carbide of calcium for one year.

Provided that no fee shall be levied for licenses granted under the foregoing provisions on any carbide of calcium which is the property of Government.

18. Every license for the possession of carbide of calcium in any premises shall specify the maximum quantity of carbide of calcium which may be stored in those premises.

19. Licenses for the possession of carbide of calcium shall be in force for one year from the date of the grant of the license: provided that the licensing officer may, at any time, for good and sufficient reason cancel a license either for the possession or transport of carbide of calcium.

20. Licenses granted under these rules shall be in the forms, and shall have endorsed on them the conditions respectively prescribed for them in the schedule hereto annexed.

Every such license shall, on the breach of any such condition, be liable to be forfeited.

21. Every application for the renewal of a license for the possession of carbide of calcium shall be made in the same manner as an application for an original license.

Every such application shall be made at a date not less than fifteen days before the date on which the original license expires. The same fee shall be charged for the renewal of a license as for a new license.

SCHEDULE.

FORMS OF LICENSES.

A.

License to possess carbide of calcium to be granted under section 5 or section 6 of Act VIII of 1899.

No.

License is hereby granted to _____ for the storage, in the place described below, of _____ pounds of carbide of calcium, subject to the rules and conditions on the back of this license.

Description of place above referred to

Commissioner of Police of the City of Madras, or Magistrate of the district, or Magistrate of the First class, or "Officer appointed in this behalf."

ENDORSEMENT ON FORM A.

Rules.

[Here enter rules 1 to 7 (inclusive) and 16 to 21 (inclusive) under section 9 of the Act.]

Conditions.

1. All carbide of calcium in the licensed place shall be contained in vessels labelled in accordance with the rules framed under the Act.

2. No goods of a combustible nature shall be stored in the licensed place.

3. No receptacle containing carbide of calcium shall be opened within the building in which the carbide of calcium is stored.

4. No smoking, light or fire in any form shall be permitted at any time within such building.

5. If the licensing officer calls on the holder of the license, by a notice in writing, to execute any repairs to the licensed place which may, in the opinion of such officer, be necessary for the safety of the place, the holder of the license shall execute the repairs within such period, not being less than one week from the date of the receipt of the notice, as may be fixed by the notice.

6. The license-holder is prohibited from delivering any quantity of carbide of calcium exceeding 5 lbs. to any one who has not a license under section 5 or section 6 of the Act, or any quantity of such carbide of calcium, except in accordance with the conditions of the rules and notifications under the Act as to the manner in which the carbide of calcium is to be packed.

B.

Special license for transport of carbide of calcium to be granted under section 5 or section 6 of the Act VIII of 1899.

No.

License is hereby given to _____ to transport _____ packages containing in all _____ pounds of carbide of calcium from _____ to _____, subject to the rules and conditions on the back of this license, and by the following route, namely:—

The weight of in each package is stated below:—

This license shall continue in force till the _____ day of _____ 189 .

Commissioner of Police of the City of Madras, or District Magistrate, or Magistrate of the First class, or "Officer appointed in this behalf."

ENDORSEMENT ON FORM B.

Rules.

[Here enter rules 1, 2, 5 and 8 to 21 (inclusive) under section 9 of the Act.]

Conditions.

1. The carbide of calcium shall be contained in vessels labelled in accordance with the rules and notifications published under the Act.

2. The carbide of calcium shall be carried (here describe mode or modes of conveyance).

3. When the carbide of calcium is carried by steamer, it shall be stored in such part of the steamer and in such manner as may be approved by the licensing officer or any officer appointed by him in writing in this behalf.

4. When the carbide of calcium is carried by rail, it shall be subject to all the regulations which may, from time to time, be prescribed generally or specially in that behalf by the railway authorities of the line or lines over which it may be conveyed.

5. The license-holder is prohibited from delivering any quantity exceeding 5 lb. to any one who has not a license under section 5 or section 6 of the Act, or any quantity, except in accordance with the conditions of the rules and notifications under the Act as to the manner in which the carbide of calcium is to be packed.

C.

General license to transport carbide of calcium to be granted under section 9 of the Act (see rule 9).

No.

A general license is hereby granted to _____ to transport carbide of calcium by rail, by road or by water, within the Presidency of Madras, subject to the rules and conditions on the back of this license. This license shall continue in force till the

Dated the _____ day of _____ 189 .

Commissioner of Police or Magistrate

