

THE BEACH CONTROL ACT

REGULATIONS
(under section 18)

THE BEACH CONTROL (SAFETY MEASURES) REGULATIONS, 1957

(Made by the Authority on the 30th day of September, 1957. Approved L.N. 230/57
by the Minister on the 15th day of October, 1957)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Beach Control (Safety Measures) Regulations, 1957. Short title.

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation.

“beach or licensed area” means the area (including the area covered by water) which is comprised in a licence granted under section 11 of the Act in relation to a hotel, guest house, boarding house, proprietary or members club with a beach, or a commercial or public recreational beach;

“life-guard” means a person skilled as a swimmer and properly trained in the procedure for rescuing and resuscitating drowning persons, and who has satisfied the Authority as to his ability to perform such duties.

3. The licensee of every beach and his agent shall

(a) unless exempted by the Authority keep in good order and condition such number and description of life-saving appliances as directed by the Authority from time to time;

(b) unless exempted by the Authority keep all life-saving appliances in connection with such beach in the position directed by the Authority ready and fit for use at all such times as any member of the public is or may be using the beach;

(c) permit the chairman of the Authority or any person authorized in writing by him to enter such beach at all reasonable times to inspect the position and condition of the life-saving appliances;

- (d) unless exempted by the Authority have a life-guard present at such beach at all hours during which it is being used by a member of the public;
- (e) provide such life-guard with a distinguishing garb or uniform and shall not permit any person to use the beach for the purpose of bathing or otherwise unless such life-guard attired in such distinguishing garb or uniform is in attendance and available to assist such person;
- (f) not permit any child under twelve years of age to use the beach unless accompanied by some adult person;
- (g) not permit spear-fishing or other similar fishing in the licensed area;
- (h) not permit any boat or vessel to exceed a speed of 3 knots in the licensed area and shall buoy to the satisfaction of the Authority a suitable passage through which such boats or vessels may proceed.

4. Every life-guard shall keep watch for and take all possible steps to secure the safety of all persons using the beach in relation to which he is employed.

5. No person shall—

- (a) damage or destroy any life-saving appliances provided in connection with such beach;
- (b) indulge in any spear fishing or other similar fishing in the licensed area or within a distance of 25 feet therefrom;
- (c) operate any boat or vessel in the licensed area except in an area buoyed for the purpose and at a speed not in excess of 3 knots.

6. Every person who contravenes any of the foregoing regulations shall be liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine of two hundred dollars or imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding twelve months.