

# HEALTH (SAMARAI SANITARY) REGULATIONS, 1925. <sup>(1)</sup>

## CITATION, APPLICATION AND COMMENCEMENT.

1.—(1.) These Regulations may be cited as the *Health (Samarai Sanitary) Regulations, 1925*,<sup>(1)</sup> and shall apply to the Sanitary District of Samarai.<sup>(2)</sup>

(2.) These Regulations shall come into force on the first day of June, 1925.

## REPEAL.

2. The regulations made on the fifth day of August, 1902, and gazetted on the twenty-second day of November, 1902, under *The Health Ordinance of 1900* and which were continued under the provisions of the Ordinance are hereby repealed.

## INTERPRETATION.

3. In these regulations unless the context otherwise indicates:—

“District” means the Sanitary District of Samarai.<sup>(2)</sup>

“Dwelling” means any dwelling house and includes any store, office, workshop, hotel or other building.

“Health Authority” means the Health Authority for the district.

“Inspector” means an Inspector under the Ordinance.

“The Ordinance” means the *Health Ordinance, 1912-1924*.

“Pan” means a pan provided by the Health Authority for use in a dry-earth closet or urinal.

(1) The *Health (Samarai Sanitary) Regulations, 1925* (made under the *Health Ordinance, 1912-1924*), comprise the original *Health (Samarai Sanitary) Regulations, 1925*, as amended by the other Regulations referred to in the following Table:—

### REGULATIONS MADE BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Description and number and year.	Date on which made by Lieut.-Gov. in Council.	Date on which published in Papua Govt. Gaz.	Date on which took effect.
<i>Health (Samarai Sanitary) Regulations, 1925</i> (S.R. 1925, No. 5)	4.5.1925	3.6.1925	1.6.1925 (Reg. 1(2), S.R. 1925, No. 5)
<i>Amending Regulations</i> (S.R. 1935, No. 2)	28.1.1935	6.2.1935	1.2.1935 (Reg. 3, S.R. 1935, No. 2)

(2) For the boundaries of the Sanitary District of Samarai, see notice dated 31.1.1902, published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 1.2.1902, and printed on p. 2096.

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“Receptacle” means a bin or vessel provided by the Health Authority for the deposit of household refuse.

### CLOSETS AND URINALS.

4. Such a number of dry-earth closets and urinals as the Health Authority shall deem necessary and sufficient both for European and native residents and employees shall be erected and maintained on the premises of all dwellings by the owner or occupier thereof.

### CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF CLOSETS.

5. Such dry-earth closets shall be constructed as follows:—

- (1) The building shall be substantially built of wood and iron or of other material approved by the Health Authority.
- (2) A door, hinged so as to swing to one side, to be made at the back of each closet large enough to admit easily the pans supplied. A floor to be constructed in each closet so that top of the pan will not be more than one inch from the seat in the closet. The boarding of the floor to run in the direction that the pan is withdrawn and with stops to prevent the pan being pushed too far to either side.
- (3) Each closet to be constructed with proper doors and other necessary requirements for securing decency and proper ventilation.
- (4) Each closet shall be maintained in a fit and cleanly condition.

### ONLY DRY-EARTH CLOSETS TO BE ERECTED—PROVISO.

6. None but dry-earth closets shall be erected or used in the district: Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations the Health Authority may provide and maintain any description of closets, privies and urinals and other similar conveniences for public accommodation or may authorize in writing the erection and use by any person of any description of closet, privy, urinal or other similar convenience.

### SITUATION OF CLOSETS, ETC.

7. Closets and urinals erected after commencement of these regulations shall be erected on such site on the premises of the owner of the closet or urinal as the Health Authority approves.

### RECEPTACLE FOR EARTH, ETC.

8. Each closet in the district must be provided by the occupier of the premises on which it is situated with a box or other suitable receptacle for earth or other deodorizing substance with a capacity

of not less than one cubic foot for each pan and with a scoop or shovel for scooping up the deodorizing substance. It shall be the duty of the occupier of a dwelling house to see that the earth or other deodorizing substance is used in every closet on his premises in sufficient quantity.

NO REFUSE TO BE PLACED IN PAN.

9. No occupier of premises shall suffer refuse or waste household water to be put into a pan when the same is in use in a closet on the premises.

REFUSE TO BE PLACED IN RECEPTACLES PROVIDED.

10.—(1.) The occupier of every dwelling must place all his rubbish and waste matter in the receptacle provided by the Health Authority for that purpose.

(2.) No dead carcase or household water or slops shall be placed in the receptacle.

(3.) Receptacles must be kept in a dry place and at a spot which is convenient to access by the scavengers.

HEALTH AUTHORITY TO SUPPLY PANS AND RECEPTACLES.

11. The Health Authority shall supply all pans and receptacles for use free of cost.

HEALTH AUTHORITY DETERMINES NUMBER OF PANS, RECEPTACLES AND SERVICES.

12. The Health Authority shall have power from time to time to determine—

- (a) what number of pans and receptacles shall be kept at any dwelling; and
- (b) the number of services to be rendered weekly for the purpose of removing, emptying and cleansing pans and receptacles.

CHARGES FOR SERVICES.

13. The charges for services shall be as follows:—

- (1) The charges for services for the purpose of removing, emptying and cleansing of one pan and one receptacle twice a week shall be at the rate of Six shillings (6s.) per calendar month.
- (2) Extra service rendered shall be charged for at the rate of One shilling (1s.) per pan or Sixpence (6d.) per receptacle for each extra service; but the owner or occupier of any dwelling may give written order for one

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or more extra services per week at the rate of Two shillings (2s.) per pan or One shilling (1s.) per receptacle per month for each such extra weekly service.

- (3) The charges for services for the purpose of removing emptying and cleansing one pan twice a week shall be at the rate of Four shillings per calendar month and the charges for similar services in respect of one receptacle shall be at the rate of Two shillings per calendar month.
- (4) No charges for services shall be made in respect of latrines used solely by natives.

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### CHARGES PAYABLE QUARTERLY IN ADVANCE.

14. Charges for services shall be paid quarterly in advance and within fourteen days from the date of service of the account. Payment of such charges within the specified time of fourteen days from the service of the account therefor will entitle the person paying the same to a discount thereon calculated at the rate of Twopence in the Shilling on the total amount of the account.

### REFUND OF PROPORTION OF CHARGES WHEN MADE.

15. Any person ceasing to occupy a dwelling during a quarter shall be entitled to a refund of the amount paid in advance by him in respect of that quarter to the extent that it is in excess of the amount of charges payable for the services rendered: Provided that written notice is given by him to the Inspector, care of the Collector of Customs, Samarai, when such occupancy ceases.

### BY WHOM CHARGES ARE TO BE PAID.

16. The occupier of a dwelling shall in the first instance, unless there is reason to the contrary, be liable to the above-mentioned charges for services but in the event of his default for one week after the service of an account in accordance with Sub-section (2.) of Section 135 of the Ordinance the owner of such dwelling may be called upon to pay and shall pay the account.

### NOTICE OF OCCUPATION OR INTENDED OCCUPATION.

17.—(1.) An occupier must give written notice to the Health Authority addressed to him, care of the Collector of Customs, Samarai, when a dwelling is first occupied by him.

(2.) When a new dwelling is about to be occupied the intending occupier shall give written notice to the Health Authority addressed, care of the Collector of Customs, Samarai, of such intended occupation.

(3.) Any person failing to give any notice required by this regulation shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Two pounds.

CHARGES WHEN PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF VACANT DWELLING.

18.—(1.) When any dwelling is left vacant the former occupier and the owner thereof shall be liable to the charges for services until the occupier or owner gives written notice to the Health Authority, addressed to him, care of the Collector of Customs, Samarai, that the dwelling is vacant.

(2.) If the pans or receptacles of an unoccupied dwelling are in fact used by anyone the owner shall (notwithstanding that notice of its being vacant has been given) again become liable for charges for services for the purpose of removing, emptying and cleansing such pans or receptacles until the Health Authority is satisfied that they are no longer being used.

19. Any person who is guilty of any breach or non-observance of any of these regulations for which no specified penalty is provided shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

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