

**RUBBER INDUSTRY ACT
(CHAPTER 280, SECTION 26)**

RUBBER INDUSTRY REGULATIONS

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rubber Industry Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Certification Mark” means the Certification Mark prescribed by the Board for Specified Singapore Rubber;

“inspector” means an officer authorised by the Board in writing for other purposes of section 10 of the Act;

“licence” means —

(a) a licence to pack rubber for export;

(b) a licence to ship rubber for export;

(c) a licence to manufacture or otherwise produce technically specified rubber; or

(d) a licence to deal with, store or treat rubber;

“licensee” means the holder of a licence;

“mark” includes any device, brand, heading label, ticket, pictorial representation, name, signature, word, letter or numeral or any combination thereof;

“standard” means a specification or description of a product as far as practicable by reference to its nature, quality, strength, purity, composition, quantity, dimensions, weight, grade, durability, origin, age, material, safety requirement, mode of manufacture or other characteristics or any combination thereof;

“Specified Singapore Rubber” means natural rubber meeting the SSR specifications;

“SSR specifications” means the technical specifications contained in “Specified Singapore Rubber Specifications” issued by the Board.

PART II

LICENSING

Application for licence

3. An application for a licence or renewal of a licence shall be in such form and with such particulars as the Board may require.

Fees

4. The fees specified in the Schedule shall be payable to the Board on each application for a licence.

Form of licence

5. A licence granted to any person shall be in such form as the Board may determine.

Register of licensees

6.—(1) The Board shall keep in such form as it thinks fit a register of the holders of current licences specifying in relation to each licensee —

(a) his name;

- (b) the address of the principal place of business at which he carries on the business in respect of which the licence is held;
- (c) where the business is carried on under a name or style other than the name of the holder of the licence, the name or style under which the business is carried on;
- (d) the date on which the licence was granted and the date of expiry; and
- (e) the registration number of the licence.

(2) Any person may, upon payment of the fee specified in the Schedule, inspect and take extracts from the register kept under paragraph (1) and any such extract, certified by an officer authorised by the Board in that behalf, shall be admissible as prima facie evidence in any legal proceedings under these Regulations.

Change of address

7. Every licensee shall, upon any change in the address of the principal place of business at which he carries on the business in respect of which the licence is held, forthwith notify the Board of the new address in such form as may be determined by the Board and, upon ceasing to carry on the business, shall forthwith so notify the Board in writing.

Accounts to be kept

8. Every licensee shall —

- (a) cause to be kept such accounting and other records as will sufficiently explain the transactions and reflect the financial position of the business in regard of which the licence is held and as will enable true and fair profit and loss accounts and balance-sheets to be prepared from time to time; and
- (b) cause those records to be kept in such a manner as will enable them to be conveniently and properly audited.

Conditions for SSR manufacturers

9.—(1) Every person who has been granted a licence to manufacture Specified Singapore Rubber shall abide by the conditions set forth in paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) Upon receipt of the licence, the licensee shall deposit a sum of \$100,000 or an irrevocable letter of credit of an equivalent amount into a fidelity fund held and administered by the Board. Interest on the deposit shall be paid to the licensee annually. If a licensee ceases to manufacture Specified Singapore Rubber either by his own accord or upon withdrawal of his licence by the Board, his deposit shall be refunded within 6 months thereof.

(3) All Specified Singapore Rubber manufactured by the licensee shall comply with the SSR specifications and the licensee shall export only block rubbers meeting such specifications under the code name allocated by the Board. Block rubbers which do not comply with the SSR specifications may be shipped by the licensee only if he obtains special dispensation in writing from the Board which shall not be granted unless the Board is satisfied that such block rubber intended for shipment will meet the buyer's specifications and will not in any way affect the reputation of Specified Singapore Rubber.

(4) The licensee shall keep a true and accurate record of all types of block rubbers brought into his factory for reprocessing.

(5) The licensee shall notify the Board of the following exact hourly capacities of the various units used in processing technically specified rubber and any changes thereto:

- (a) total milling or crepeing capacity;
- (b) total comminuting capacity;
- (c) total drier capacity; and
- (d) total baling capacity.

PART III

CONDUCT OF TRADE

Packing and baling

10.—(1) Every licensee shall ensure that all rubber packed or baled for shipment, delivery or consignment shall be packed or baled in a condition suitable for shipping in accordance with the current established practice of the rubber trade and in conformity with such specifications as may from time to time be determined by the Board.

(2) Every licensee shall ensure at all times that when packed or baled rubber destined for export which is under his control or direction is being transported by any vehicle, vessel, or craft of any kind, it shall be covered by tarpaulin or other suitable protection to prevent the rubber from becoming wet by rain or any other cause and to prevent damage to the rubber from any other climatic condition.

Registration of house symbols

11.—(1) Every licensee who wishes to use a house symbol shall register with the Board such house symbol which shall indicate that all rubber shipped thereunder shall be rubber shipped by him or packed by him for export.

(2) Every licensee intending to use only a house symbol for the purpose of identifying a grade of rubber shall apply to the Board for registration thereof and if such application is allowed this symbol shall indicate the grade of rubber which the applicant proposes to ship or pack for export, as the case may be.

(3) The Board may as it thinks fit allow or disallow any such application without giving any reason.

(4) The Board may, in its discretion, cancel the registration of any such house or grade symbol after it has been registered upon giving the licensee concerned not less than 3 months' notice of its intention to do so.

(5) Such licensee may, within one month of the date of the notice given under paragraph (4), make written representations to the Board and the Board shall, after considering the written representations inform the licensee of its decision.

Marking

12.—(1) Each bale or package of rubber for export shall bear the following marks:

- (a) the packer's licence number and house symbol, where applicable;
- (b) the grade of rubber contained in the bale or package;
- (c) the shipper's licence number and house symbol, where applicable;
- (d) in the case of rubber shipped for sale on sample, the registered house symbol; and
- (e) the manufacturer's registered code name and the Certification Mark and where applicable the registered house symbol.

(2) Marks shall be clear and distinct and all numerals used shall be in Arabic figures.

Documents

13. All documents covering rubber for export, shipment or local delivery shall bear the name and licence number of the packer, shipper or manufacturer.

Grading

14.—(1) Each bale or package shall be prominently marked with the figure or symbol indicating the grade of rubber contained therein which shall be a grade that is recognised by the rubber trade.

(2) Bales or packages shall contain only the grade of rubber specified in the marking on the external surface of each bale or package.

PART IV

CERTIFICATION MARK

Use of Certification Mark

15.—(1) No person shall use the Certification Mark unless he holds a valid licence authorising him to manufacture Specified Singapore Rubber.

(2) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.

Variation of Certification Mark

16. The Board may, with the approval of the Registrar of Trade Marks and Patents, amend or vary the design of the Certification Mark from time to time or withdraw the Certification Mark.

Procedure for approval

17. A manufacturer of Specified Singapore Rubber desiring to use the Certification Mark shall submit to the Board for approval the facsimile of the Certification Mark to be used by him and shall not use the Certification Mark until he has obtained the approval of the Board.

Application of Certification Mark

18. When the Certification Mark is used, the Certification Mark shall be applied by the manufacturer to the form of natural rubber itself or to any covering in which it is contained or label attached to it in such manner as may be determined by the Board.

Board may require statement

19.—(1) The Board may require every manufacturer of Specified Singapore Rubber to submit a statement giving details, in such form as the Board may require, of any scheme of inspection and testing which the manufacturer maintains or has in use, or proposes to maintain or to put into use and which is designed to regulate, during the course of manufacture or production, the quality of the form of natural rubber for which the Certification Mark is used or applied.

(2) The Board may call for any supplementary information or documentary or other evidence from any such manufacturer at such time as the Board may require.

Board may require evidence

20.—(1) The Board may require every manufacturer of Specified Singapore Rubber —

- (a) to furnish such evidence as the Board may require to show that the form of natural rubber in respect of which the Certification Mark is used conforms to the SSR specification;
- (b) to furnish such evidence as the Board may require to show that the manufacturer has in operation a scheme of inspection and testing which will adequately ensure that all forms of natural rubber to be marked with the Certification Mark will conform to the SSR specification;
- (c) to provide all reasonable facilities to any inspector to inspect the factory or other premises of the manufacturer for the purpose of verifying the evidence produced by the manufacturer and of obtaining such other information as is relevant to the use of the Certification Mark as well as to enable the inspector to select samples for testing; and
- (d) to submit such samples for testing at the laboratories of such testing authority as the Board may consider appropriate, and the expense of submitting samples and of testing shall be borne by the manufacturer.

(2) The Board may, after considering the report of the inspector, require the manufacturer to carry out such alterations in, or additions to, the scheme of inspection and testing or the process of manufacture or production in use or to be used by the manufacturer, as the Board thinks fit, as a condition for the use of the Certification Mark.

Compliance with specifications

21.—(1) Every manufacturer of Specified Singapore Rubber shall ensure that the form of natural rubber in respect of which a Certification Mark is being used conforms at all times to the

relevant requirements of the SSR specifications and for this purpose he shall establish and maintain, to the satisfaction of the Board, a system of control including inspection and testing.

(2) The manufacturer shall maintain a complete and current record of such system of control, including inspection and testing, for the purpose of establishing, to the satisfaction of the Board, that such a system of control is being consistently maintained; and every such record shall be made available for examination by the inspector on demand, and the manufacturer shall, at the request of the inspector, permit the removal of such record to the premises of the Board for further examination.

Inspector

22.—(1) Every inspector shall be furnished by the Board with a card of identification and authorisation which shall be carried by him at all times while he is on duty and produced by him on demand.

(2) Every manufacturer shall afford every inspector such reasonable facilities as the inspector may require for carrying out his duties under these Regulations.

Powers of inspector

23. Every inspector, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by section 10 of the Act, may during the working hours of any manufacturer of Specified Singapore Rubber —

- (a) enter the manufacturer's factory or other premises with a view to ascertaining whether —
 - (i) the form of natural rubber conforms to the SSR specifications; and
 - (ii) the Certification Mark is being used in accordance with the terms and conditions imposed by the Board and that the scheme of inspection and testing specified by the Board is being correctly followed;
- (b) inspect any operation carried out therein in connection with any form of natural rubber;

- (c) take samples of any form of natural rubber, material or substance used or intended to be used for the manufacture of forms of natural rubber to be marked with the Certification Mark and conduct tests therein; and
- (d) do such things, within the limits of the powers conferred by section 10 of the Act, as may be necessary for the purposes of paragraph (a).

Inspector's report

24. An inspector shall submit a detailed report to the Board on every inspection made by him in such form as the Board may require.

Service fee

25. Every manufacturer of Specified Singapore Rubber shall pay to the Board a monthly service fee at such rates as are specified in the Schedule to cover administration, inspection and testing of the manufacturer's form of natural rubber.

Transitional

26. Notwithstanding the revocation of the Rubber Industry (Certification Mark) Rules, any Certification Mark or house symbol approved by the Rubber Association of Singapore under those Rules shall be deemed to have been approved by the Board under the corresponding provisions of these Regulations.

THE SCHEDULE

Regulations 4, 6(2) and 25

FEES

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| 1. Application for a licence to pack rubber for export | \$500 |
| 2. Application for a licence to ship rubber for export | \$500 |
| 3. Application for a licence to manufacture Specified Singapore Rubber | \$1,000 |
| 4. Application for a licence to deal, store or treat rubber | \$600 |

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

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| 5. For the administration, inspection and testing of the manufacturer's form of natural rubber | \$20 for every month the manufacturer's licence is in force |
| 6. For each inspection or making an extract from the Register of Licensees | \$20. |

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
RUBBER INDUSTRY REGULATIONS
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