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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION ACT

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO- ORDINATION (WATER QUALITY) REGULATIONS LEGAL NOTICE 120 OF 2006

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Part I – PRELIMINARY

1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Water Quality) Regulations.

2. Application

These Regulations shall apply to drinking water, water used for industrial purposes, water used for agricultural purposes, water used for recreational purposes, water used for fisheries and wildlife, and water used for any other purposes.

3. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Act" means the Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act (Cap. 387);

"Authority" means the National Environment Management Authority established under section 7 of the Act;

"buffer zone" means distinct or established areas that separate potentially antagonistic entries between competing users that serve to lessen the danger of potential conflicts;

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to environment;

"environmental management plan" means the plan referred to under section 42(3) of the Act;

"designated representative" means any person authorized by the Authority to act on its behalf;

"ground water" means the water of underground streams, channels, artesian basins, reservoirs, lakes and other bodies of water in the ground, and includes water in interstices below the water table;

"natural water body" means any river, stream, spring, lake, swamp, pond or other water source flowing in a natural water course;

"pH" means the negative base 10 logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration;

"point sources" means any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, conduit, tunnel, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation or vessel or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged;

"resource quality" in relation to a water resource, means the quality of all the aspects of a water resource including—

- (a) the character and condition of the in-stream and riparian habitat;
- (b) the characteristics, condition and distribution of the aquatic biota;
- (c) the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of the water;
- (d) the quantity, pattern, timing, water level and assurance of in-stream flow; and
- (e) the water quality stipulated for the reserves.

Part II – PROTECTION OF SOURCES OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC USE

4. Prevention of water pollution

- (1) Every person shall refrain from any act which directly or indirectly causes, or may cause immediate or subsequent water pollution, and it shall be immaterial whether or not the water resource was polluted before the enactment of these Regulations.
- (2) No person shall throw or cause to flow into or near a water resource any liquid, solid or gaseous substance or deposit any such substance in or near it, as to cause pollution.

5. Standards for sources of domestic water

All sources of water for domestic uses shall comply with the standards set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

6. Protection of lakes, rivers, streams, springs, wells and other water sources

No person shall—

- (a) discharge, any effluent from sewage treatment works industry or other point sources without a valid effluent discharge licence issued in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
- (b) abstract ground water or carry out any activity near any lakes, rivers, streams, springs and wells that is likely to have any adverse impact on the quantity and quality of the water, without an environmental impact assessment licence issued in accordance with the provisions of the Act; or
- (c) cultivate or undertake any development activity within full width of a river or stream to a minimum of six metres and a maximum of thirty metres on either side based on the highest recorded flood level.

7. Bans, restrictions, etc., on use of water sources

The Authority in consultation with the relevant lead agency may impose bans and restrictions and other measures on the use of sources of water for domestic use in order to prevent and control their degradation.

8. Compliance with water quality standards

All operators and suppliers of treated water, containerized water and all water vendors shall comply with the relevant quality standards in force as may be prescribed by the relevant lead agencies.

9. Water quality monitoring

The Authority in consultation with the relevant lead agency, shall maintain water quality monitoring for sources of domestic water at least twice every calendar year and such monitoring records shall be in the prescribed form as set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

Part III – WATER FOR INDUSTRIAL USE AND EFFLUENT DISCHARGE

10. Compliance with industrial standards

- (1) No person shall use water for trade or industrial undertaking unless such person complies with the standards established by the competent lead agency in regard to that particular activity.
- (2) The Authority in consultation with the relevant lead agencies shall ensure compliance with the said standards.

11. Discharge into aquatic environment

No person shall discharge or apply any poison, toxic, noxious or obstructing matter, radioactive waste or other pollutants or permit any person to dump or discharge such matter into the aquatic environment unless such discharge, poison, toxic, noxious or obstructing matter, radioactive waste or pollutant complies with the standards set out in the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

12. Discharge into the environment

- (1) Every local authority or person operating a sewage system or owner or operator of any trade or industrial undertaking issued with an effluent discharge license as stipulated under the Act shall comply with the standards set out in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations.
- (2) Every local authority or person operating a sewage system or owner or operator of any trade or industrial undertaking shall be guided by the monitoring guide for discharge into the environment as set out in the Third Schedule to these Regulations or as the Authority may prescribe.

13. Discharge into public sewers

Every owner or operator of a trade or industrial undertaking issued with a licence by a local authority or sewerage systems shall comply with the standards set out in the Fifth Schedule to these Regulations.

14. Discharge monitoring

- (1) Every person who generates and discharges effluent into the environment under a licence issued under the Act shall carry out daily effluent discharge quality and quantity monitoring and shall submit quarterly records of such monitoring to the Authority or its designated representative.
- (2) Such discharge monitoring record shall be in the prescribed form set out in the Sixth Schedule to these Regulations.

15. Review of records

The Authority shall review all monitoring records in order to verify compliance with these Regulations.

16. Application for effluent discharge licence

- (1) An application for an effluent discharge licence under the Act shall be in Form A in the Seventh Schedule and accompanied by the prescribed fee as set out in the Eleventh Schedule to these Regulations.
- (2) The decision of the Authority together with the reasons thereof shall be communicated to the applicant within thirty days from the date of submission of the application.
- (3) Where the Authority approves an application for the grant of an effluent discharge licence, it shall issue an effluent discharge licence within twenty-one days of such approval.

17. Effluent discharge licence

- (1) An effluent discharge licence issued under the Act shall be in Form B set out in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations and shall be valid for one year from the date of issue.
- (2) The Authority shall maintain a register for effluent discharge licences as prescribed in Form C in the Seventh Schedule.

18. Licence not transferable

An effluent discharge licence issued under the Act shall not be transferable.

Part IV – WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE

19. Use of wastewater for irrigation

No person shall be permitted to use wastewater for irrigation purposes unless such water complies with the quality guidelines set out in the Eight Schedule to these Regulations.

20. Abstraction from a water body under environmental management plan

Where the Cabinet Secretary, in exercise of his powers conferred under section 42(3) has issued an order for the management of a natural water body, no person shall abstract water from such body for irrigational purposes unless such water meets the standards set out in the Ninth Schedule to these Regulations.

21. Creation of buffer zone for irrigation scheme

Any owner or operator of an irrigation scheme shall create a buffer zone of at least fifty metres in width between the irrigation scheme and the natural water body into which such irrigation scheme discharges its waters.

22. Transitional provisions

All owners or operators of existing irrigation schemes shall within ninety days upon the coming into force of these Regulations take necessary steps to comply with these Regulations.

23. Compliance with regulations

The Authority in consultation with the relevant lead agency shall take all necessary measures to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

Part V – WATER FOR ANY OTHER USES

24. Water pollution prohibition

No person shall discharge or apply any poison, toxic, noxious or obstructing matter, radioactive wastes, or other pollutants or permit any person to dump or discharge any such matter into water meant for fisheries, wildlife, recreational purposes or any other uses.

25. Recreational uses

No person shall use or allow to be used any natural water body for recreational purposes unless the water body meets the quality standards for recreational standards as set out in Tenth Schedule to these Regulations.

Part VI – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

26. Inventory of water bodies

Within three years from the date of commencement of these Regulations, the Authority shall prepare and maintain an inventory of all natural water bodies and take measures including the development of environmental management plans, to prevent and control degradation of such sources.

27. Offences

- (1) Any person who contravenes any of these Regulations commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings.
- (2) In addition to the above, the court may give such other orders as are provided for under the Act.

28. Fees

All applications and licences shall be accompanied by the prescribed fees as set out in the Eleventh Schedule to these Regulations.

FIRST SCHEDULE [r. 5]

QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SOURCES OF DOMESTIC WATER

| Parameter | Guide Value (maximum allowable) |
|---------------------------|--|
| pH | 6.5–8.5 |
| Suspended solids | 30 (mg/L) |
| Nitrate – NO ₃ | 10 (mg/L) |
| Ammonia – NH ₃ | 0.5 (mg/L) |
| Nitrite – NO ₂ | 3 (mg/L) |
| Total dissolved solids | 1200 (mg/L) |
| <i>E.coli</i> | Nil/100 ml |
| Fluoride | 1.5 (mg/L) |
| Phenols | Nil (mg/L) |
| Arsenic | 0.01 (mg/L) |
| Cadmium | 0.01 (mg/L) |
| Lead | 0.05 (mg/L) |
| Selenium | 0.01 (mg/L) |
| Copper | 0.05 (mg/L) |
| Zinc | 1.5 (mg/L) |
| Alkyl benzyl sulphonates | 0.5 (mg/L) |
| Permanganate value (PV) | 1.0 (mg/L) |

SECOND SCHEDULE [r. 9]

WATER QUALITY MONITORING FOR SOURCES OF DOMESTIC WATER

Name of water source

Sample Number

Description of sample (untreated)

Date and time sample received in laboratory

Date and time sample was examined

| PARAMETER | | RESULTS |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| | Observed value | Guide value (maximum allowable) |
| pH | | 6.5-8.5 |
| Suspended solids | | 30 (mg/L) |
| Nitrate-NO ₃ | | 10 (mg/L) |
| Ammonia —NH ₃ | | 0.5 (mg/L) |
| Nitrite —NO ₂ | | 3 (mg/L) |
| Total Dissolved Solids | | 1200 (mg/L) |
| E.coli | | Nil/100 ml |
| Fluoride | | 1.5 (mg/L) |
| Phenols | | Nil (mg/L) |
| Arsenic | | 0.01 (mg/L) |
| Cadmium | | 0.01 (mg/L) |
| Lead | | 0.05 (mg/L) |
| Selenium | | 0.01 (mg/L) |
| Copper | | 0.05 (mg/L) |

| Parameter | RESULTS |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Zinc | 1.5 (mg/L) |
| Alkyl benzyl sulphonates | 0.5 (mg/L) |
| Permanganate value | 1.0 (mg/L) |

Remarks.....

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THIRD SCHEDULE [rr. 11, 12]

STANDARDS FOR EFFLUENT DISCHARGE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT

| Parameter | Maximum Allowable(Limits) |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1,1,1-trichloroethane (m/l) | 3 |
| 1,1,2-trichloroethane (mg/l) | 0.06 |
| 1,1-dichloroethylene | 0.2 |
| 1,2-dichloroethane | 0.04 |
| 1,3-dichloropropene (mg/l) | 0.02 |
| Alkyl Mercury compounds | Nd |
| Ammonia, ammonium compounds, NO_3 compounds and NO_2 compounds (Sum total of ammonia-N times 4 plus nitrate-N and Nitrite-N) (mg/l) | 100 |
| Arsenic (mg/l) | 0.02 |
| Arsenic and its compounds (mg/l) | 0.1 |

| Parameter | Maximum Allowable(Limits) |
|---|---------------------------|
| Benzene (mg/l) | 0.1 |
| Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD 5 days at 20°C) (mg/l) | 30 |
| Boron (mg/l) | 1.0 |
| Boron and its compounds – non marine (mg/l) | 10 |
| Boron and its compounds –marine (mg/l) | 30 |
| Cadmium (mg/l) | 0.01 |
| Cadmium and its compounds (mg/l) | 0.1 |
| Carbon tetrachloride | 0.02 |
| Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD (mg/l) | 50 |
| Chromium VI (mg/l) | 0.05 |
| Chloride (mg/l) | 250 |
| Chlorine free residue | 0.10 |
| Chromium total | 2 |
| cis –1,2- dichloro ethylene | 0.4 |
| Copper (mg/l) | 1.0 |
| Dichloromethane (mg/l) | 0.2 |
| Dissolved iron (mg/l) | 10 |
| Dissolved Manganese (mg/l) | 10 |
| E.coli (Counts / 100 ml) | Nil |
| Fluoride (mg/l) | 1.5 |

| Parameter | Maximum Allowable(Limits) |
|--|---------------------------|
| Fluoride and its compounds (marine and non-marine) (mg/1) | 8 |
| Lead (mg/1) | 0.01 |
| Lead and its compounds (mg/1) | 0.1 |
| n-Hexane extracts (animal and vegetable fats) (mg/1) | 30 |
| n-Hexane extracts (mineral oil) (mg/1) | 5 |
| Oil and grease | Nil |
| Organo-Phosphorus compounds (parathion,methyl parathion,methyl demeton and Ethyl parantrophenyl phenylphosphorothroate, EPN only) (mg/1) | 1.0 |
| Polychlorinated biphenyls, PCBs (mg/1) | 0.003 |
| pH (Hydrogen ion activity---marine) | 5.0-9.0 |
| pH (Hydrogen ion activity--non marine) | 6.5-8.5 |
| Phenols (mg/1) | 0.001 |
| Selenium (mg/1) | 0.01 |
| Selenium and its compounds (mg/1) | 0.1 |
| Hexavalent Chromium VI compounds (mg/1) | 0.5 |
| Sulphide (mg/1) | 0.1 |
| Simazine (mg/1) | 0.03 |
| Total Suspended Solids, (mg/1) | 30 |
| Tetrachloroethylene (mg/1) | 0.1 |
| Thiobencarb (mg/1) | 0.1 |

| Parameter | Maximum Allowable(Limits) |
|---|---------------------------|
| Temperature (in degrees celious) based on ambient temperature | ± 3 |
| Thiram (mg/1) | 0.06 |
| Total coliforms (counts /100 ml) | 30 |
| Total Cyanogen (mg/1) | Nd |
| Total Nickel (mg/1) | 0.3 |
| Total Dissolved solids (mg/1) | 1200 |
| Colour in Hazen Units (H.U) | 15 |
| Detergents (mg/1) | Nil |
| Total mercury (mg/1) | 0.005 |
| Trichloroethylene (mg/1) | 0.3 |
| Zinc (mg/1) | 0.5 |
| Whole effluent toxicity | |
| Total Phosphorus (mg/1) | 2 Guideline value |
| Total Nitrogen | 2 Guideline value |

Remarks

Standard values are daily/monthly average discharge values. Not detectable (nd) means that the pollution status is below the detectable level by the measurement methods established by the Authority.

FOURTH SCHEDULE [r. 12]

**MONITORING GUIDE FOR DISCHARGE INTO
THE ENVIRONMENT DISCHARGING FACILITY**

| DISCHARGING FACILITY | Gas and Oil | Dairy Products | Grain Mills | Canned Fruits & Vegetables | Canned & Preserved Sea Foods | Sugar Processing | Textiles | Cement | Feedlots | Electroplating | Organic Chemicals | Inorganic Chemicals | Plastics & Synthetics | Soap & Detergents | Fertiliser Manufacturing | Petroleum Refining | Iron & Steel Manufacturing | Non-ferrous | Phosphate Manufacturing | Steam Electric Power Generating |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Water quality parameters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biochemical Oxygen Demand, BOD | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Total Suspended Solids | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| pH | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Faecal Coliforms | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Oil & Grease | x | | | | x | | x | | | | x | | | x | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Temperature | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD | | | | | | x | x | | | | x | x | x | x | | x | | x | | |
| Colour/Dye/ Pigment | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Elemental Phosphorus | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | | |
| Total Phosphorus | | | | | | x | | | | x | | | | | x | | | x | x | x |
| Ammonia (as N) | | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | x | x | x | x | | |
| Organic Nitrogen as N | | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | |
| Nitrate | | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | x | | x | x | | |
| Flow | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Phenols | | | | | | x | | | | | x | x | x | | | x | x | | | |

| DISCHARGING FACILITY | | Gas and Oil | Dairy Products | Grain Mills | Canned Fruits & Vegetables | Canned & Preserved Sea Foods | Sugar Processing | Textiles | Cement | Feedlots | Electroplating | Organic Chemicals | Inorganic Chemicals | Plastics & Synthetics | Soap & Detergents | Fertiliser Manufacturing | Petroleum Refining | Iron & Steel Manufacturing | Non-ferrous | Phosphate Manufacturing | Steam Electric Power Generating |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sulphide | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | |
| Total Chromium | | | x | | x | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | | | | | |
| Chromium VI | | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | | x | | | x | | | |
| Chrome | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper | | | | | | x | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | x | | |
| Nickel | | | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zinc | | | | | x | | | x | | | | | | | | x | | | | x | |
| Zinc | | | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cn total | | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cyanide | | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fluorine | | | | | x | x | x | | | | | | | | | | x | x | | | |
| Free Available Chlorine | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residual Chlorine | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | | |
| Cadmium | | | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | |
| Lead | | | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | | x | x | | | | |
| Iron | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tin | | | | | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | | |
| Silver | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gold | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iridium | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Palladium | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rhodium | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ruthenium | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mercury | | | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| DISCHARGING FACILITY | | Dairy Products | Grain Mills | Canned Fruits & Vegetables | Canned & Preserved Sea Foods | Sugar Processing | Textiles | Cement | Feedlots | Electroplating | Organic Chemicals | Inorganic Chemicals | Plastics & Synthetics | Soap & Detergents | Fertiliser Manufacturing | Petroleum Refining | Iron & Steel Manufacturing | Non-ferrous | Phosphate Manufacturing | Steam Electric Power Generating |
|----------------------|--|----------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Organic Carbon | | Gas and Oil | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aluminium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arsenic | | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | | x | | x |
| Selenium | | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | |
| Barium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manganese | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | | |
| Tannin | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oil | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Settleable Solids | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surfactants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

X- Means parameters to be monitored

| DISCHARGING FACILITY | | Fero Alloy manufacturing | Leather tanning and finishing | Glass | Asbestos manufacturing | Rubber processing | Timber products | Pulp, Paper and paperboard | Builders paper and paperboard mills | Meat products | Paving and roofing materials | Intensive chemical agriculture farm | Edible vegetable oils and fats | Hotels, Restaurants and Game Lodges |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Water quality parameters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BOD | | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| TSS | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | x |
| pH | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Faecal Coliforms | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Oil & Grease | | x | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | x | x |
| Temparature | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | x | x |

| DISCHARGING FACILITY | | Fero Alloy manufacturing | Leather tanning and finishing | Glass | Asbestos manufacturing | Rubber processing | Timber products | Pulp, Paper and paperboard | Builders paper and paperboard mills | Meat products | Paving and roofing materials | Intensive chemical agriculture farm | Edible vegetable oils and fats | Hotels, Restaurants and Game Lodges |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| COD | | | | x | x | x | | | | | | | x | |
| Colour/Dye/ pigment | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Elemental Phosphorus | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | | |
| Total Phosphorus | | | x | | | | | | | | x | | | x |
| Ammonia (as N) | x | | x | | | | | | x | | x | | | x |
| Organic Nitrogen as N | | | | | | | | | | | x | | | x |
| Nitrate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flow | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Phenols | x | | x | | | x | | | | | | | | |
| Sulphide | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Chromium | x | x | | | | x | | | | | | | | |
| Chromium VI | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chrome | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nickel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zinc | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | |
| Zinc | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cyanide total | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fluorine | | | x | | x | | | | | | | | | |
| Free available Chlorine | | | | | | | x | x | | | | | | |
| Residual Chlorine | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cadmium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lead | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iron | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | |

| DISCHARGING FACILITY | Fero Alloy manufacturing | Leather tanning and finishing | Glass | Asbestos manufacturing | Rubber processing | Timber products | Pulp, Paper and paperboard | Builders paper and paperboard mills | Meat products | Paving and roofing materials | Intensive chemical agriculture farm | Edible vegetable oils and fats | Hotels, Restaurants and Game Lodges |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tin | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Silver | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gold | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iridium | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Palladium | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rhodium | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ruthenium | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mercury (total) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total organic Carbon | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aluminium | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arsenic | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Selenium | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barium | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manganese | x | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tannin | | x | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oil | | x | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Settleable Solids | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Surfactants | | | | | | | | | | x | x | | |

X- Means parameters to be monitored

| DISCHARGING FACILITY | Bakeries and wheat confectioneries | Breweries (malt) | Soft drinks and carbonated waters | Sugar confectionery | Tobacco processing | Distilling and blending of spirits | Motor vehicle assembly | Paints, varnishes and laquers | Batteries manufacture | Cosmetics | Printing, publishing and allied industry | Domestic sewage system | Pharmaceutical industries | Tea/Coffee Industries | Slaughter Houses | Combined sewage (Domestic + and Industrial effluent) |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| Water quality | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BOD | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| TSS | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| pH | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Faecal Coliforms/ Ecoll. | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | | x | x |
| Oil & Grease | | | | | x | | x | x | | | x | x | | | x | x |
| Temperature | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | x | |
| COD | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Colour/ Dye/ Pigment | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Elemental Phosphorus | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Phos phorus | | | | x | | | | | | | x | | | x | x | |
| Ammonia (as N) | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | x | |
| Organic Nitrogen as N | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | x | x | x |
| Nitrate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flow | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Phenols | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Sulphide/ Sulphur | | | | x | | | | | | x | | | | | | x |
| Total Chromium | | | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | x |
| Chromium VI | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Chrome | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| Copper | | | | | | | | | | | x | | | x | | x |
| Nickel | | | | | | | | | | | x | | x | | x | |
| Zinc | | | | | | x | x | | | | x | x | | | x | |
| Zinc A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cn total | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Cn A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fluorine | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Free Available Chlorine | | | | | | x | | x | x | | | | | x | | |
| Cadmium | | | | | | | | | | | | x | | | x | |
| Lead | | | | | x | x | x | | x | | x | | x | | x | |
| Iron | | | | | x | x | x | | x | | | | | | x | |
| Tin | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Silver | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Gold | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | | | x | |
| Iridium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Palladium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Rhodium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Ruthenium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Mercury | | | | x | | | | x | x | | | | | | x | |
| Total organic Carbon, TOC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aluminium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Arsenic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Selenium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Barium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Manganese | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Tannin | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Oil | | | | | | | | x | | x | | | | | x | |
| Settleable Solids | | | | | x | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Surfactants | | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | | x | x |

X- Means parameters to be monitored

FIFTH SCHEDULE [r. 13]

STANDARDS FOR EFFLUENT DISCHARGE INTO PUBLIC SEWERS

| Parameter | Maximum levels permissible |
|--|---|
| Suspended solids (mg/L) | 250 |
| Total dissolved solids (mg/L) | 2000 |
| Temperature °C | 20 - 35 |
| pH | 6-9 |
| Oil and Grease (mg/L) - where conventional treatment shall be used | 10 |
| Oil and Grease (mg/L)- where ponds is a final treatment method | 5 |
| Ammonia Nitrogen (mg/L) | 20 |
| Substances with an obnoxious smell | Shall not be discharged into the sewers |
| Biological Oxygen Demand BOD ₅ days at 20 °C (mg/L) | 500 |
| Chemical Oxygen Demand COD (mg/L) | 1000 |
| Arsenic (mg/L) | 0.02 |
| Mercury (mg/L) | 0.05 |
| Lead (mg/L) | 1.0 |
| Cadmium (mg/L) | 0.5 |
| Chromium VI (mg/L) | 0.05 |
| Chromium (Total) (mg/L) | 2.0 |
| Copper (mg/L) | 1.0 |

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|---|--------------------------|
| Zinc (mg/L) | 5.0 |
| Selenium (mg/L) | 0.2 |
| Nickel (mg/L) | 3.0 |
| Nitrates (mg/L) | 20 |
| Phosphates (mg/L) | 30 |
| Cyanide Total (mg/L) | 2 |
| Sulphide (mg/L) | 2 |
| Phenols (mg/L) | 10 |
| Detergents (mg/L) | 15 |
| Colour | Less than 40 Hazen units |
| Alkyl Mercury | Not Detectable (nd) |
| Free and saline Ammonia as N (mg/L) | 4.0 |
| Calcium Carbide | Nil |
| Chloroform | Nil |
| Inflammable solvents | Nil |
| Radioactive residues | Nil |
| Degreasing solvents of mono-di-trichloroethylene type | Nil |

and any other parameter as the Authority and the sewage services provider may prescribe

SIXTH SCHEDULE [r. 14]

MONITORING FOR DISCHARGE OF TREATED EFFLUENT INTO THE ENVIRONMENT

Lead Agency:

Name of organisation:

Nature of work:

Sample number:

Description of sample:

Date and time sample received in laboratory:

Date and time sample was examined:

Average Daily Flow Rate (m₃/day)

| Parameter | RESULTS | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | Sample upstream | Sample at discharge point | Sample downstream | Guide value | Remark |
| pH | | | | 6.5–8.5 | |
| Biological Oxygen Demand (5 days at 20 °C) | | | | 30 (mg/L) max | |
| Chemical Oxygen Demand | | | | 50 (mg/L) max | |
| Suspended solids | | | | 30 (mg/L) max | |
| Ammonia – NH ₄ + Nitrate – NO ₃ + Nitrite – NO ₂ | | | | 100 (mg/L) max | |
| Total Dissolved Solids | | | | 1200 (mg/L) max | |
| E.Coli | | | | Nil/100 ml | |
| Total Coliform | | | | 1000/100 ml | |

Others

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As guided by the Fourth Schedule or as may be directed by the Authority.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE
FORMS

FORM A

(r. 16)

APPLICATION FOR EFFLUENT DISCHARGE INTO AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT

PART A – DETAILS OF APPLICANT

A1. Name of applicant:

A2. Personal Identification Number:

A3. Address:

A4. Name of contact person:

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A5. Telephone No.:

A6. Fax No.:

A7. E-mail:

A8. Previous Licence Number:

PART B – DETAILS OF DISCHARGING FACILITY

B1. Location of discharging facility:

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B2. Activity of discharging facility (e.g. coffee factory, sewage plant, tea factory):

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B3. Nature and composition of effluent:

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B4. Does the facility have effluent treatment plant? (Yes or No)

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B5. Maximum quantity of effluent which is proposed to discharge on any one day (in m₃/day)

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B6. The highest rate at which it proposes to discharge the effluent (in m₃/hr.)

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B7. Source of processing water to the facility:

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B8. Does the facility have access to a laboratory for monitoring the quality of discharged effluent?

(Yes or No)

B9. Description of the activities of the facility:

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B10. Point of discharge:

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PART C – DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the information given above is correct and true to the best of my knowledge:

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Signature of Applicant

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Full names in Block letters

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Position On behalf of:

(Firm name and seal) Date:

PART D - FOR OFFICIAL USE

Approved/Not Approved

COMMENTS

Official Signature

Date

Important Notes:

Please submit the following:

(a) Application form in duplicate; and

(b) Prescribed fee to:

Director General

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)
Kapiti Road, South C,
P. O. Box 67839-00200, Nairobi, Kenya
Tel.: 254-02-605522/6/7, or 601945 Fax: 254-02-608997
E-mail: dgnema@swiftkenya.com

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION ACT EFFLUENT DISCHARGE LICENCE

FORM B

(r. 16)

Application Reference No.

Licence No.

FOR OFFICIAL USE

This is to certify that the application for discharge to aquatic environment received from (name of applicant) of(address) to the National Environment Management Authority in accordance with the Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Water Quality) Regulations, 2005 for(facility) located at (locality and district) to discharge effluent to has been evaluated and a permit is hereby issued for discharge, subject to the attached conditions.

Dated this day of, 20

Signature:

(Official Stamp)

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Director General

National Environment Management Authority

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

1. This Licence is valid for a period of from the date hereof.
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5.

FORM C

REGISTER FOR EFFLUENT DISCHARGE LICENCE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT

| Name of discharging facility | Location of facility | Licence No. | Date of issue | Expiry date | Conditions of Licence | Discharging into | Date and name of filing officer | Date | Remarks |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------|---------|
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Status Status of Licence

1. New
2. Cancelled
3. Variation

EIGHTH SCHEDULE [r. 19]

**MICROBIOLOGICAL QUALITY GUIDELINES
FOR USE OF WASTEWATER FOR IRRIGATION**

| <i>Reuse conditions</i> | <i>Exposed group</i> | <i>Intestinal nematodes (MPN/L)</i> | <i>Coliforms (MPN/100 ml)</i> |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Unrestricted irrigation (crops likely to be eaten uncooked, sports fields, public parks) | Workers, consumers, public | <1 | <1000** |

| <i>Reuse conditions</i> | <i>Exposed group</i> | <i>Intestinal nematodes (MPN/L)</i> | <i>Coliforms (MPN/100 ml)</i> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Restricted irrigation (cereal crops, industrial crops, fodder crops, pasture and trees***) | Workers | <1 | No standard recommended |

* *Ascaris lumbricoides*, *Trichuris trichiura* and human hookworms.

** A more stringent guideline (<200 coliform group of bacteria per 100 ml) is appropriate for public lawns, such as hotel lawns, with which the public may come into direct contact.

*** In the case of fruit trees, irrigation should cease two weeks before fruit is picked and fruit should be picked off the ground, overhead irrigation should not be used.

NINTH SCHEDULE [r. 20]

STANDARDS FOR IRRIGATION WATER

| <i>Parameter</i> | <i>Permissible Level</i> |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| pH | 6.5–8.5 |
| Aluminium | 5 (mg/L) |
| Arsenic | 0.1 (mg/L) |
| Boron | 0.1 (mg/L) |
| Chloride | 0.01 (mg/L) |
| Chromium | 1.5 (mg/L) |
| Cobalt | 0.1 (mg/L) |
| Copper | 0.05 (mg/L) |
| <i>E.coli</i> | Nil/100 ml |
| Fluoride | 1.0 (mg/L) |
| Iron | 1 (mg/L) |

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Lead | 5 (mg/L) |
| Selenium | 0.19 (mg/L) |
| Sodium Absorption Ratio (SAR) | 6 (mg/L) |
| Total dissolved solids | 1200 (mg/L) |
| Zinc | 2 (mg/L) |

TENTH SCHEDULE [r. 25]

QUALITY STANDARDS FOR RECREATIONAL WATERS

| <i>Parameter</i> | <i>Maximum Permissible Level</i> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Arsenic (mg/L)G | 0.05 |
| Fecal Coliform (counts/100 ml) | Nil |
| Total Coliform (counts/100 ml) | 500 |
| Cadmium | 0.01 |
| Chromium | 0.1 |
| Colour (True Colour Units) | 100 |
| Light Penetration (meters) | 1.2 |
| Mercury (mg/L)G | 0.001 |
| Odour (Threshold Odour Number, TON) | 16 |
| Oil and Grease (mg/L)G | 5 |
| pH | 6–9 |
| Radiation, Total (Bq/L)G | 0.37 |
| Surfactant, MBAs (mg/L)G | 2 |

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| Temperature (°C) | 30 |
| Turbidity (NTU) | 50 |

ELEVENTH SCHEDULE [r. 28]

FEES

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| The fees chargeable under these Regulations shall be as specified hereafter: | |
| 1. Application for discharge of effluent into the environment | |
| (a) Sewerage service providers | 5,000 |
| (b) Discharging facility in Schedule 4 other than (a) above | 5,000 |
| (c) Any other institution | 5,000 |
| 2. Annual License fee for discharge of effluent into the environment | |
| (a) Sewerage service providers sector— | |
| Category (I) $\geq 80,000 \text{ M}^3$ DWF Design Capacity | 500,000 |
| Category (II) $\geq 60,000 < 80,000 \text{ m}^3$ DWF Design Capacity | 400,000 |
| Category (III) $\geq 40,000 < 60,000 \text{ m}^3$ DWF Design Capacity | 300,000 |
| Category (IV) $\geq 20,000 < 40,000 \text{ m}^3$ DWF Design Capacity | 200,000 |
| Category (V) $20,000 \text{ m}^3$ DWF Design capacity | 100,000 |

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| Discharging facility in Schedule 4 other than (a) above - and for- | 100,000 |
| <i>(i) Petroleum sector</i> | |
| Category (I) Depots, pump stations and refineries | 100,000 |
| Category (II) Service station (Filing station + Vehicle service + carwash) | 75,000 |
| Category (III) Service station (Filling station + Vehicle service) | 50,000 |
| Category (IV) Filling station $\geq 50\text{M}^3$ (Tank Storage) | 30,000 |
| Category (V) Filling Station $< 50\text{M}^3$ (Tank storage) | 25,000 |
| <i>(ii) Hotels, Camps and lodges sector</i> | |
| Category (I) ≤ 25 persons bed capacity | 25,000 |
| Category (II) $> 25 \leq 50$ persons bed capacity | 30,000 |
| Category (III) $> 50 \leq 75$ persons bed capacity | 50,000 |
| Category (IV) $> 75 \leq 100$ Persons bed capacity | 75,000 |
| Category (V) > 100 Persons bed capacity | 100,000 |
| <i>(iii) Agro-based Processing Industries</i> | |
| Category (i) $\geq 2,000 \text{ M}^3$ DWF Design capacity | 100,000 |
| Category (i) $\geq 1500 < 2,000 \text{ M}^3$ DWF Design capacity | 75,000 |
| Category (i) $\geq 1,000 < 1500 \text{ M}^3$ DWF Design capacity | 50,000 |
| Category (i) $\geq 1,000 \text{ M}^3$ DWF Design capacity | 30,000 |
| <i>(iv) Abattoirs/slaughterhouses</i> | |
| Category (i) ≥ 40 animals per day | 100,000 |

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| Category (ii) $\geq 20 < 40$ animals per day" | 75,000 |
| Category (iii) $\geq 6 < 20$ animals per day | 50,000 |
| Category (iv) $<$ animals per day | 20,000 |
| <i>(v) Chemical-based Processing Industries</i> | |
| Category (i) $\geq 2,000 \text{ m}^3$ DWF Design Capacity | 100,000 |
| Category (ii) $\geq 1500 < 2,000 \text{ m}^3$ DWF Design Capacity | 75,000 |
| Category (iii) $1000 < 1500 \text{ m}^3$ DWF Design Capacity | 50,000 |
| Category (iv) $< 1,000 \text{ m}^3$ DWF Design Capacity | 30,000 |
| <i>(vi) Intensive Chemical Agriculture</i> | |
| Category (i) $\geq 240 \text{ HA Acreage}$ | 100,000 |
| Category (ii) $\geq 230 < 40 \text{ HA Acreage}$ | 75,000 |
| Category (iii) $\geq 20 < 30 \text{ HA Acreage}$ | 50,000 |
| Category (iv) $\geq 10 < 20 \text{ HA Acreage}$ | 30,000 |
| Category (v) $< 10 \text{ HA Acreage}$ | 20,000 |
| (a) Institutions, commercial or residential premises with population > 100 persons | 20,000 |
| (b) Commercial or residential premises with populations $\leq 50 \leq 100$ persons | 10,000 |
| (c) Others. | |
| 3. Inspection of records/effluent register | 200 |
| 4. Variation of effluent discharge licence 10% of the Annual Licence fee | |