

130. No explosive, other than those to which this Part of these regulations does not apply, shall be sold or kept for sale unless the person keeping or selling such explosives is the holder of a license to sell explosives issued under the said Act and these regulations.

131. Every application for a license to sell explosives shall be made to the Chief Inspector of Explosives at Wellington, and must state the name in full of the applicant, his occupation and full address, the kind of explosives to be sold, the maximum quantity of each kind of explosive to be kept on the premises of the applicant, and the place where explosives are to be kept.

132. An Inspector of Explosives having approved the provisions made for the storage of such explosives, the license shall be issued on payment of the license fee.

133. The following conditions shall be inserted in general licenses for the keeping of explosives for sale, and for the selling of explosives:—

(a.) No explosives shall be hawked, sold, or exposed for sale in or upon any highway, street, road, public thoroughfare, or public place, or exhibited or exposed upon any premises. All explosives for keeping or sale must be kept in the building or receptacle provided for the same.

(b.) Explosives shall not be sold or delivered to any person under the age of sixteen years.

(c.) All explosives exceeding 1 lb. in weight when sold shall be in a substantial case, bag, canister, or other receptacle, made and enclosed so as to prevent the explosives from escaping, and (except when the same is sold to any person employed by or on the property occupied by the vendor for immediate use in the service of the vendor or on such property) the outermost receptacle containing such explosive shall have affixed in conspicuous characters by means of a brand or securely attached label or other mark,—

(i.) In the case of gunpowder, the word "Gunpowder"; and

(ii.) In the case of an explosive other than gunpowder, the name of such explosive, with the addition of the word "Explosive"; and if such name is materially false the person selling or offering for sale such explosive, and also the owners of such explosive, shall be deemed to have committed a breach of these conditions.

(d.) Every sale of explosives, other than those to which this Part of these regulations does not apply, shall at the time of sale and before delivery be entered by the person who sells the same, or by his assistant, in a book which shall be kept (in the form prescribed in the schedule to this Part of these regulations) for that purpose, together with the date of sale, the quantity and description of explosive sold, and the name, address, and occupation of the purchaser.

(e.) The premises shall be occupied only by the licensee, except as hereinafter directed.

(f.) If such licensee dies or becomes bankrupt, or assigns his estate for the benefit of his creditors, or becomes mentally incapable or otherwise disabled, the person carrying on the business of such licensee shall not be liable to any penalty or forfeiture under these conditions for carrying on the business and acting under the license during such reasonable time as may be necessary to allow him to apply for a license to sell, so that he otherwise conform to the provisions of the said Act and these regulations.

(g.) The license shall be valid only for the person to whom same is issued.

(h.) All buildings adjoining each other and occupied together shall be deemed to be the same premises, and shall accordingly be included in the one license.

(i.) No explosives except those specified in the license shall be kept on any premises, and all such explosives shall be kept in one or other of the following modes, namely,—

Mode 1.—In a substantially constructed building, detached, and at a safe distance (at least 25 yards) from any dwellinghouse, highway, street, public thoroughfare, or public place: Provided that such building is so closed as to prevent unauthorized persons having access thereto, and to secure it from danger from without (from fire, &c.); that it is exclusively appropriated to the keeping of explosives, and that the word "Explosives" be conspicuously painted on the building.

Mode 2.—In a receptacle exclusively appropriated to the keeping of explosives built on wheels or on a sled so as to be readily moved in case of fire, and placed in an out-house, shed, storeroom, or other building not a dwellinghouse or not in general occupation. The receptacle to be made of wood, copper, or other suitable material, and the lid or door thereof to have copper or brass hinges and fastenings, and to be provided with a lock, and the word "Explosives" to be conspicuously painted on the receptacle.

Mode 3.—In a receptacle as in Mode 2 but not built on wheels.

Mode 4.—In a building or receptacle in respect of which a certificate has been obtained from an Inspector of Explosives that such building or receptacle has been approved by such Inspector. Such certificate may be cancelled and revoked by any Inspector at any time after it is granted.

(j.) There shall not be on the premises at any one time an amount of any kind of explosive exceeding the amount prescribed by the license, and the quantities of the various explosives that may be kept on any premises licensed under any of the above modes shall be as follows:—

Mode 1.—Maximum quantity to be stored at any one time shall be 200 lb. of gunpowder, or in lieu thereof 100 lb. of nitro-compounds for blasting, besides 500 detonators.

Mode 2.—Maximum quantity to be stored at any one time shall be 100 lb. of gunpowder, or in lieu thereof 50 lb. of nitro-compounds for blasting, besides 500 detonators.

Mode 3.—Maximum quantity to be stored at any one time shall be 30 lb. of gunpowder only.

Mode 4.—Maximum quantity to be stored at any one time shall be that specified in the certificate issued in that behalf.

(k.) With respect to every such building or receptacle, the interior thereof and the shelves and fittings therein shall be so constructed or so lined or covered as to prevent the exposure of any iron or steel, or the detaching of any grit, iron, or steel, or similar substance; and such