

Regulations under the Health Act, 1920, to prevent the Contamination of Food during Manufacture and Sale. (H. 125.)

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 21st day of July, 1924.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section one hundred and thirty-two of the Health Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), and of all other powers enabling him in this behalf His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the regulations hereinafter set forth, and doth declare that these regulations shall come into force on the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

REGULATIONS.

GENERAL.

1. In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—
 - "Approved" means approved by the local authority, and where matters are referred to the approval or satisfaction of the local authority it includes the approval or satisfaction of any officer appointed by the local authority to examine and approve works :
 - "Appliance" includes the whole or any part of any utensil, machinery, instrument, apparatus, or article used or intended for use in or for the making, keeping, preparing, or supplying of any food :
 - "Food" includes every article which is used for food or drink by man, or which enters into or is used in the composition or preparation of any such article, and also includes flavouring matters and condiments :
 - "Sale" or "sell" includes barter, and also includes offering or attempting to sell or receiving for sale, or having in possession for sale, or exposing for sale, or sending or delivering for sale, or causing or allowing to be sold, offered, or exposed for sale, and refers only to sale for human consumption or use.
2. For the purpose of these regulations food shall be deemed to be for sale which having been ordered, purchased, or sold is held for delivery to the purchaser or is in process of delivery to the purchaser by the vendor or his servant or agent.
3. Any Sanitary Inspector may at all reasonable times enter on any land or premises and inspect and examine any food for sale for human consumption, including any food exposed for sale or offered for sale or held or stored for sale, or deposited for preparation for sale, or having been sold, is held for delivery to the purchaser or is in process of delivery to the purchaser.

PROTECTION OF FOOD FROM CONTAMINATION.

Persons handling Food.

4. (1.) Every person who is engaged in the manufacture, preparation, storage, packing, carriage, or delivery of food for sale shall, when so engaged, maintain his clothing and his body in a state of cleanliness.
- (2.) No person who is suffering from any communicable disease, or who is a "carrier" of any infectious disease, or who is suffering from any condition causing a discharge of pus or serum from any part of the head, neck, hands, or arms, shall engage in the manufacture, preparation, storage, packing, carriage, or delivery for sale of any food or of any article used or likely to be used as a food, and no person who is in contact with any infectious disease shall so engage if forbidden to do so by the Medical Officer of Health.
- (3.) Every person who is engaged in the sale, manufacture, preparation, storage, packing, or delivery of food for sale, and by whose act, default, or sufferance such food becomes or is liable to become infected, polluted, or tainted is guilty of a breach of these regulations.