

Emergency Powers (Fuel Control) Regulations

CHAPTER 45A

LAWS OF TONGA

Regulation 1

EMERGENCY POWERS (FUEL CONTROL) REGULATIONS 1974

Made by the King in Council G5/74

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1. Short title.

These Regulations may be cited as The Emergency Powers (Fuel Control) Regulations 1974.

2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations-

"**fuel**" means petroleum, diesel oil, kerosene, crude oil, and all other derivatives of crude oil;

"**fuel quota**" means any quantity of fuel directed by Cabinet to be distributed or sold to any person or class of persons, during a specific period of time.

3. Cabinet's powers.

(1). Cabinet shall be responsible for the carrying into effect of the provisions of these Regulations.

(2). Cabinet shall have the power to make orders and rules for the control of the supply of fuel in the Kingdom.

(3). Cabinet shall have the power to appoint any person or committee charged with advisory and/or executive powers.

4. Powers of search, etc.

(1). Any person authorized by Cabinet, and every member of the Police Force, shall have the power to enter any property, stop and search any motor vehicle or vehicles as defined under the [Traffic Act](#), stop and search any vessel or ship of any description whatever, suspected of infringing any order or rule made by Cabinet and may seize any fuel together with any container thereof retained, conveyed, stored or used contrary to any order or rule made by Cabinet, and/or order that such infringement be immediately discontinued.

(2). Any person obstructing any person authorized under the provisions of this regulation from the performance of his duties or who fails to immediately discontinue any infringement

shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

5. Offences.

Every person who procures or stores or distributes any fuel or falsifies any fuel quota or receives any fuel knowing it to be in excess of his fuel quota, or attempts to procure, store, or distribute any fuel, or attempts to falsify any fuel quota or attempts to receive any fuel knowing it to be in excess of his fuel quota, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 3 years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

6. General penalty.

Every person who infringes any order or rule made by Cabinet under regulation 3(2) hereof or who commits an offence against these Regulations for which no penalty has been prescribed shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$100 or to imprisonment for a period of up to 6 months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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