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LICENSING APPLICATION (LA) TO IMPORT CONTROLLED OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

WHY DO YOU NEED A LICENSE?

A licence is a legal document that will give permission for importing and or handling substances that are controlled under the Montreal Protocol in which Samoa is a signatory of since 1992. The aim of the Licensing system are to control and monitor the total quantity of imported controlled substances and gradually reduce until complete phase out, to also control the imports of new apparatus that are designed to use controlled substances and second hand apparatus containing ODS, to also track imports that seemed to be illegal importation of ODS or any apparatus containing ODS and lastly but not the least is to collect accurate data pertaining to imports of HCFC.

WHAT PURPOSE DOES IT SERVE?

To obtain a licence, a Licence Application must be filled and submitted to the Ministry and depending on the information submitted the Ministry may decide to: (a) Grant a licence; (b) Grant a licence subject to conditions; (c) Refuse to grant a licence on any ground it thinks fit.

APPLICATION FORMS

- If the applicant wishes to import and or handle ozone depleting substances (ODS), applicant must fill in Form 1
- If the applicant wishes to import goods containing ODS, applicant must fill in Form 2
- Before granting any licence, an applicant must:
 - have at least 5 years of appropriate trade experience [The 5 years starts from Pre-Apprentice year]
 - have adequate knowledge of the relevant code of practice
 - have an accreditation certificate to handle ozone-depleting substances from a formal institution or organization approved by the Chief Executive Officer
 - have appropriate resources, equipment, systems and mechanisms to carry out the work
- Any applicant may be required to pass such practical examination before issuance or renewal of licence
- All application forms must be signed by proper authority
- The successful applicant must pay a licence fee before granting any licence

TWO TYPES OF LICENSE

1. License to import and or handle ozone depleting substances:

Form 1: Application for a license to import and or handle controlled substances

1. Applicant Details:
Application must be made in accordance with the statutory form, a copy which is available from the Meteorology Division (National Ozone Unit)

1.1 Print name of the applicant or the company applying for a licence to import and or handle controlled substances.

1.2 Indicate using a tick on which is applicable for the applicant or company

1.3 Print name of the overseas supplier and the details. If there are more than one overseas supplier; you'll also need to declare in the lines below as well as their details

1.4 Print name of the local supplier you are purchasing controlled substances from and their details; also use the lines below to input other local suppliers if applicable for your current situation

1.5 Print names of the controlled substances that you wish to import and or handle

2. Specify and list the controlled substances that you wish to import and or handle. An example for handling the controlled substances is given in the first row and two examples of imported substances is given in the 2nd and 3rd row

3. State the purpose for which the controlled substance is imported:

4. List the activities that you carry out that require the use of controlled substances, this applies for those whom have ticked handling controlled substances in 1.2

5. Does the applicant employ any other persons to carry out the activities as listed using controlled substances? The applicant will need to indicate whether the imported substances are handled by any personnel, if yes please state such with the printed names of the personnel.

6. Indicate whether the personnel referred to in 5 are accredited or licensed to handle ODS.

Printed name of the Applicant or Company will be required in the testimonial statement in addition to their signature and the date of submission.

2. License to import any apparatus and or equipment that contain ozone-depleting substances:

Form 2: Application for a License to import goods containing controlled substance

1. Applicant Details
Application must be made in accordance with the statutory form, a copy which is available from the Meteorology Division (National Ozone Unit)

1.1 Print name of the applicant or the company applying for a licence to import and or handle controlled substances

1.2 Print name of the overseas supplier and the details. If there are more than one overseas

3. State the purposes for which goods containing controlled substances is imported

4. Describe the type of activities that you carry out which requires the use of the controlled substances or the goods containing the controlled substances.

Printed name of the Applicant or Company will be required in the testimonial statement in addition to their signature and the date of submission.

- Each licence is valid for 12 months
- Sold quantities of controlled substances including names and addresses of the purchasers
- Intended use of controlled substances
- Quantity of controlled substances imported
- Quantity of controlled substances consumed for various purposes

PROTECT OUR OZONE LAYER!!!

For more information please contact our Meteorology Division - Ozone Unit at Mulinuu

Telephone numbers - 20855 or 20856

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children aged 9-15 are invited to answer the following corner. The name of 3 students with top scores at the end of every month will be posted under the "Children's Corner" for special prizes. "2010 Young Environmentalist Star Awards" will be given to 10 students with top total scores at the end of the year.

ADD IN VOWELS - TO SPELL OUT THE WORD(S)

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| 1) _Z_N_ | 6) _PPL_C_T__N |
| 2) L_G_L | 7) D_PL_T__N |
| 3) D_C_M_NT | 8) S_BST_NC_S |
| 4) L_C_NS_ | 9) L_Y_R |
| 5) _MP_RT | 10) PR_T_CT__N |

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- SAMOA STATIONERIES LTD
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- AH LIKI'S WHOLESALE



REVIEW OF "SIGNAGE POLICY 2006"

Visual Signage is perhaps the most appealing and effective form of advertisement to the general public. Certain eye-catching images can often get across a message that is quite difficult to deliver in words. However, some of these images and their location and sizes can be visually disturbing or rather offensive to others and therefore affecting the amenity value of an area as expressed under Section 63 of the PUM Act 2004. A Signage Policy was then developed and approved in 2006 by the Planning and Urban Management Board to provide an orderly display of signs within the country while avoiding visual clutter, allow for the erection and removal of signs without adverse effects on the environment, or threat to community health and safety as well as the safe and efficient functioning of road networks.

Over the years, there have been continuous developments and the streetscapes and landscapes of Samoa have changed, among other things, and has therefore lead to the need for the policy to be reviewed. This is to ensure that the standards set within the policy are still relevant and applicable to the community. PUMA is therefore undertaking an external review of the Signage Policy 2006.

THE POLICY

Different kinds of signs come in a variety of different sizes and forms and therefore, different standards are also set for these various types of signs. Some examples of the types of signs regulated under the policy are given in the images below:



In order to assess the different types of signs, there are some general requirements that must be considered before any consent for the erection of a sign is issued. These include:

- its effect on the amenity of the area
- its effect on the environment around it especially aspects with scenic, historic, architectural, scientific or cultural interest

- its effect on natural airflow or sunlight to residential areas
- the sustainable use of resources in the construction of the sign
- the limitation of any danger to the public by the erection of a sign
- the use of landscaping proposed will soften its impact and appearance on the surrounding environment.

Therefore, in setting the different standards for the various types of signs, the Policy has the following categories. Each category states the specific requirements on different standards that must be met for the erection of different types of signs.

1. Urban Residential Areas

- An area primarily used for residential purposes (with less than 10% commercial/industrial uses)

2. Commercial Areas

- An area predominantly consisting of retail, office, entertainment, tourism and other non-industrial businesses

3. Industrial Areas

- An area predominantly consisting of manufacturing, distribution, storage and other businesses with the ability to negatively affect residential amenity

4. Rural Areas

- Areas outside of greater Apia (Vaimauga, Faleata), and Salelologa (Fa'asale'aga) that are primarily agricultural or undeveloped areas (less than 10% residential/commercial/industrial uses)

5. Main Road Corridor

- Refers to all major road corridors of Samoa including Cross Island Road, East Coast Road, West Coast Road, Beach Road, Vaitele Street, Ifilele Street, South Coast Road, West Coast Road in Upolu, and Main North Coast Road, Falealupo Road, and Vaiaata Road in Savaii

6. Environmentally Sensitive Area

- Refers to the ocean and non-ocean side of the coastal roads, beaches and foreshore areas, wetlands/mangroves, coastal hazard zones, parks and reserves and areas with exceptional view lines

With an exemption given to banners, the erection of a sign requires the submission of a Development Consent Application to the Agency (PUMA), like most other developments, for assessment of whether the standards are met by the proposed development.

In helping in the external review, a copy of the Signage Policy can be uplifted from the PUMA office on level 5 of the DBS Building, Apia. There are also comment sheets available from the Agency if you so wish to share your opinion on this Policy and have an input to the ongoing review for the betterment of the Policy as well as the signage standards within Samoa.

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