

BELIZE:

**SUPPLIES CONTROL (PRICES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 26)
REGULATIONS, 2023**

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 87 of 2023

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for supplies control, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3 of the Supplies Control Act, Chapter 293, of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto enabling him.

(Gazetted 11th August, 2023).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Supplies Control (Prices) Regulations 1987, which, as amended, are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

CAP. 293s,
R.E. 2003, p.
32.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations are amended by inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—

Amendment of
regulation 2.

““authorized officer” includes—

- (a) a police officer;
- (b) a person authorised in writing by the Controller of Supplies; or
- (c) the Controller of Supplies.

“police officer” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Police Act;

CAP. 138.

“violation ticket” means a ticket issued under regulation 30; and

“violator” means a person who is issued a violation ticket under regulation 30.”

Insertion of
new regulations
30, 31, 32, 33,
34, 35, 36 and
37.

3. The principal regulations are amended by inserting the following new regulations immediately after regulation 29, as follows—

“Issue of a
violation ticket.

30.—(1) A person who contravenes regulation 10, 13, 14, 15 or 16 shall be issued a violation ticket in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) An authorized officer shall—

- (a) as soon as may be, after the issuance of a violation ticket, forward a copy of the violation ticket to the Controller of Supplies; and
- (b) on the first day of every month, account for all violation tickets issued during the preceding month, to the Controller of Supplies.

Form of
violation ticket.

31.—(1) A violation ticket that is issued shall be—

Fifth Schedule.

- (a) in the form prescribed in the Fifth Schedule; and
- (b) prepared in duplicate.

(2) The Supplies Control Unit shall be responsible for printing, supplying and distributing all violation tickets.

Fines to be paid.

32. A violator shall pay a fine of up to three hundred dollars, which amount shall be clearly stated on the face of the violation ticket.

Time for payment and amount of fine.

33.—(1) A violator shall pay the fine stated on the violation ticket within fifteen calendar days of the date of issue of the violation ticket.

(2) A violator who fails to pay the fine within the period prescribed under sub-regulation (1) and who intends to pay the ticket before the lapse of thirty days after which it becomes a summons, may pay the ticket outside the time prescribed in sub-regulation (1) but is liable to pay two times the fine stated on the violation ticket.

(3) Where the fine stated on the violation ticket remains unpaid for a period of thirty calendar days from the date of issue of the violation ticket, the ticket shall automatically operate as a summons and the person to whom the ticket was issued shall on the day specified in the summons for him to appear in court, which day shall be not less than seven calendar days and not more than fourteen calendar days from the expiry of the thirty day period, be required to appear at the summary jurisdiction court in the judicial district, on the date and time specified on the face of the violation ticket.

(4) Immediately after the expiration of thirty calendar days after the fine remains unpaid but in any case no later than the day specified for the person to appear in court, the summons shall be laid in court by the bailiff or some other officer designated by the Belize Police Department for that purpose

and the provisions of Part IV of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act shall apply in respect of the complaint contained therein as if the information and complaint were made under that Act.

Places for
payment of
fine.

34.—(1) The fine stated on a violation ticket may be paid at the Treasury Department or a District Sub-Treasury.

(2) Upon the payment of a violation ticket, the duplicate copy of the violation ticket shall be presented to the officer receiving the fine.

(3) The Treasury Department or a District Sub-Treasury that receives a fine in relation to a violation ticket under these Regulations shall—

- (a) ensure that the amount received is the amount stated on the violation ticket, including any increase that may have accrued under regulation 33(2);
- (b) issue a receipt for the amount collected;
- (c) keep a record of the—
 - (i) amount collected;
 - (ii) name and address of the person who paid the fine;
 - (iii) identification number and date of issue of the violation ticket; and

(iv) date the payment was received; and

(d) at the end of every month, forward a copy of the record under paragraph (c) to the Controller of Supplies together with the violation tickets submitted.

Use of monies collected.

35. All monies received by virtue of these Regulations shall be to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Offence at time of issuance of violation ticket.

36.-(1) A person commits an offence who, at the time of issuance of a violation ticket-

- (a) refuses to accept the violation ticket;
- (b) refuses to give his name or address to the authorized officer; or
- (c) provides a false name or address to the authorized officer who is issuing the violation ticket to the person.

(2) A person who commits an offence under sub-regulation (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars.

Negative Resolution.

37. These Regulations are subject to negative resolution.”

4. The principal Regulations, are amended by inserting the following new Fifth Schedule as follows-

Insertion of new Fifth Schedule.

“FIFTH SCHEDULE*[regulations 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16]***FORM OF VIOLATION TICKET**

No. _____ Date of Issue _____

AMOUNT OF FINE: FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)

NAME OF PERSON TO WHOM ISSUED: _____

IDENTIFICATION NO.: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SEX: _____

HEIGHT: _____

ANY DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: _____

ADDRESS OF PERSON TO WHOM ISSUED: _____

DATE AND TIME OF THE OFFENCE: _____

TYPE OF OFFENCE: _____

PLACE WHERE OFFENCE COMMITTED: _____

DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT: _____

NAME OF OFFICER (IN BLOCK LETTERS) ISSUING THE TICKET:

DESIGNATION AND ADDRESS OF THE OFFICER ISSUING THE
TICKET: _____

BADGE NUMBER OF THE OFFICER ISSUING THE TICKET:

INFORMATION AND COMPLAINT CUM SUMMONS

If fine is not paid within thirty days of the date of issue of this violation ticket, you are hereby summoned to appear in the _____
 _____ (Name of Court)
 Court on the _____ at _____ to answer to the
 _____ (date of appearance) _____ (time of appearance)
 following charges:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
 _____ (specify charges which led to issuance of ticket)

If you fail to appear as indicated above, the trial may proceed in your absence or a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

SPECIMEN CHARGE

_____ committed the offence of
 _____ (Name of Defendant)
 _____ (specify the offence)
 regulation _____ of the Supplies Control (Prices) Regulations, 1987,
 as amended for that the said
 _____ on the _____
 _____ (name of defendant) _____ (date of commission of offence)
 in the _____ Judicial District

 _____ (give particulars of offence)

N.B: Officers issuing tickets should endeavour to follow the specimen charge provided above when they are specifying the charges leading to the issuance of the ticket.

NOTES

1. The violation ticket has been issued in respect of an offence under the Supplies Control (Prices) Regulations, 1987, as amended.
2. You may pay the fine stated on the ticket at any Treasury or District Sub-Treasury, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of issue of the ticket, by delivering the ticket issued.
3. If the fine is not paid within fifteen (15) calendar days, the fine shall be increased to two times the fine stated on the violation ticket.
4. If the fine stated in the violation ticket remains unpaid for a period of thirty calendar days this violation ticket shall automatically operate as a summons to appear before the Court stated on the face to the ticket. If you fail to appear in court as required, a warrant may be issued for your arrest, or the trial may be held in your absence. In the event of a conviction, you shall be fined up to five hundred dollars.”
5. These Regulations come into force on the 14th day of August, 2023. **Commencement.**

MADE by the Minister responsible for investment this 10th day of August, 2023.



(HON. JOSE ABELARDO MAI)

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