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**Note on Adaptation**

Under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to the Law Revision Act (Ch. 3:03) the Commission amended certain references to public officers in this Chapter. The Minister's approval of the amendments was signified by LN 120/1980, but no marginal reference is made to this Notice where any such amendment is made in the text.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

**SECTION**

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COUNTRY MARKETS ACT

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30 of 1905.

**An Act to provide for the regulation of certain public markets.**

Commencement.

[16TH OCTOBER 1905]

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Country Markets Act.

Minister may by Order declare markets.

**2.** (1) The Minister may by Order declare any premises, not being within the limits of any borough, to be a public market.

(2) Every such Order may at any time be revoked, and thereupon the premises specified therein shall cease to be a public market.

Power to charge rent for stalls, etc.

**3.** The person in charge of any market declared under this Act may from time to time demand and take from every person occupying or using any stand, stall, table, shed, pen, or place, or using any weighing instrument in any such market, such rents, fees, and charges as may be fixed by Bye-laws made under this Act.

Bye-laws and Regulations.

**4.** (1) The Minister may make Bye-laws and Regulations with regard to markets declared under this Act for all or any of the following purposes:

- (a) for regulating the use of markets, and of stalls, tables, and places therein;
- (b) for preventing nuisances or obstructions in markets or in the immediate approaches thereto;
- (c) for fixing the times during which markets shall be open;
- (d) for excluding and removing all persons suffering from contagious disease, or from any skin or other disease rendering the person, in the opinion of the person in charge of a market, unfit to sell in the market;

- (e) for regulating the use of weighing instruments belonging to or used in or in connection with the market, and preventing the use of false or defective weights, scales, or instruments by any person selling in a market;
- (f) for prescribing the conditions subject to which stalls, tables, and places shall be held or occupied or used by any person hiring or using, or desirous of hiring or using, the same;
- (g) for maintaining order and preventing any disturbance in such market by fighting or disorderly behaviour;
- (h) for fixing the rents, fees, and charges to be made for the use of stalls, tables, and places;
- (i) for regulating the sale of marketable commodities;
- (j) for prescribing the areas in the vicinity of any market within which it shall not be lawful to sell or offer for sale any marketable commodity; and
- (k) generally, such other bye-laws and regulations as may be considered necessary for the good government of markets.

(2) The Bye-laws and Regulations may impose pecuniary penalties not exceeding one hundred dollars in respect of breaches of any of the bye-laws or regulations.

(3) Penalties for breaches of the bye-laws and regulations may be recovered on summary conviction before a Magistrate or Justice, upon complaint made in the name of the person in charge of the market; and the penalties, together with all rents, fees, and charges received, shall be paid to the Comptroller of Accounts.

(4) In this section “marketable commodity” means meat, fish, turtle, game, livestock, eggs, ground provisions, vegetables, fruit and such goods and articles as may be notified by Order of the Minister.

**5.** If any person liable under this Act for the payment of any rent, fee, or charge does not pay the same when required to do so

Recovery of rents, fees, and charges.

by the person in charge of a market, the same may be recovered by distress and sale of a sufficient part of the goods in respect of which such rent, fee, or charge is payable, or of any other goods in the market belonging to or under the charge of the person liable to pay such rent, fee, or charge; or such rent, fee, or charge may be recovered as a debt due to the person in charge of the market in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Sale of fresh  
meat and fish  
in Princes Town  
prohibited  
except in  
market.  
Ch. 84: 10.

**6.** (1) Any person who sells or offers or exposes for sale fresh meat or fresh fish within the limits of Princes Town as defined in and by the Liquor Licences Act, except in the market established in Princes Town under this Act may be arrested without warrant by any member of the Police Service, and, on summary conviction, is liable to a fine of two hundred dollars.

Interpretation.

(2) In this section, the expression “fresh meat” means fresh meat of any cattle, sheep, goat, pig, or turtle slaughtered for sale, and includes imported fresh meat.

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**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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**PUBLIC MARKETS ORDER**

*made under section 2*

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Markets Order. Citation.
  
2. The places set out in Part A of the Schedule and the premises described in Part B of the Schedule have been declared to be public markets. Declaration of public markets. Schedule.

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**SCHEDULE**

**PART A**

Scarborough	...	...	...	...	G.12.7.1906
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Point Fortin	...	...	...	...	84/1946
Rio Claro	...	...	...	...	245/1947
Couva ...	...	...	...	...	18/1949

**PART B**

The premises situate at Wellington-Debe Road in the Ward of Naparima 158/1951.  
in the County of Victoria and bounded as follows:

- North—by the Wellington-Debe Road and an access road;
- South—by an access road;
- East—by an access road;
- West—by the Wellington-Debe Road.

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- 88/1952. The premises situate at Palo Seco Junction, Palo Seco, in the Ward of Erin, in the County of St. Patrick comprising 0a. 1r. 6p. leased by the State from Messrs. Trinidad Petroleum Development Company Limited and bounded as follows:
- North—By lands of Trinidad Petroleum Development Company Limited, formerly Paul Friedrich Collignon;
  - South—By the San Fernando-Siparia-Erin Road;
  - East—By lands of Messrs. Trinidad Petroleum Development Company Limited, formerly Paul Friedrich Collignon;
  - West—By lands of Messrs. Trinidad Petroleum Development Company Limited, formerly Paul Friedrich Collignon,
- and more particularly referred to on plan signed by the Director of Surveys dated 11th April 1952, and filed in the Lands and Surveys vault as No. XE 16.
- 157/1952. The premises situate at Gasparillo in the Ward of Pointe-a-Pierre, in the County of Victoria, within a parcel comprising 22,000 superficial feet of land acquired by the State from Ramdial Sawh and Boodiah and bounded as follows:
- North—By lands of the Trustees of the Church of England;
  - South—By lands of Ramdial Sawh and Boodiah;
  - East—By State lands;
  - West—By Gasparillo Road.
- 166/1955. All that parcel of land comprising 51,965 superficial feet acquired by the State from Marabella Union Development Syndicate and situate East of the Southern Main Road and North of the Traffic Roundabout at Marabella in the Ward of Naparima, in the County of Victoria, and bordered on the North and East by lands of the said Syndicate, on the South by Lots 78 and 80 and by lands of the said Syndicate, and on the West by a road reserve, all as the same is more particularly shown and delineated and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys, dated 17th June 1952, executed under Survey Order No. 28 of 1952 and filed in the office of the Director of Surveys in Book 859 at folio 195.
- 3/1957. The premises situate at Roxborough in the Parish of St. Paul in the Island-Ward of Tobago and bounded as follows:
- North—Windward Main Road;
  - South—Lands of Roxborough Estate;
  - East—Lands of Roxborough Estate;
  - West—State lands and lands of Roxborough Estate.

The premises situate in Penal, in the Ward of Siparia, in the County of 107/1957.  
St. Patrick, and bounded as follows:

North—By the San Fernando-Siparia-Erin Road;  
South—State lands and Private Road;  
East—Ramlall Street;  
West—Private Road.

The premises situate in La Brea, in the Ward of La Brea, in the County of 179/1958.  
St. Patrick, and bounded as follows:

North—Reserve 25 feet wide;  
South—Road Reserve 25 feet wide, State lands and lands formerly  
of L. F. Ambard;  
East—La Brea Road;  
West—State lands.

The premises situate at Barataria in the Ward of St. Ann's, County of 12/1963.  
St. George and bounded as follows:

North—Second Street;  
South—Lands now or formerly of Aranguez Estate and lands now  
or formerly of J. Soo Chan;  
East—Sixth Avenue;  
West—Lands now or formerly of Aranguez Estate, which boundaries  
are more particularly shown and delineated and coloured raw  
sienna on a survey plan filed at folio 123 of Book 937 in the  
vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House.

The premises situate at Fyzabad in the Ward of Siparia, in the County of 36/1963.  
St. Patrick, and bounded as follows:

On the North—By the Gower Well Road;  
On the South—By lands of Noorsingh, now or formerly Frank  
Vivian Eckel;  
On the East—By lands originally granted to Isaree;  
On the West—By lands of Noorsingh, now or formerly Frank  
Vivian Eckel;

which premises are more particularly shown and delineated and coloured raw  
sienna on a survey plan filed E.C. 103 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys  
Department, Red House.

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96/1963. The premises situate at Mayaro in the Ward of Guayaguayare in the County of Mayaro and bounded as follows:

North—Naparima-Mayaro Road;

South—A drain;

East—Mayaro-Guayaguayare Road;

West—Lands now or formerly of Ching Hong, and which premises are more particularly shown and delineated and coloured raw sienna on a survey plan filed at folio 122 of Book 937 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House.

260/1971. The premises situate at Scarborough in the parish of St. Andrew in the Ward of Tobago and bounded as follows:

North—State lands;

South—Lands of Brewster Romeo;

East—State lands;

West—Wilson Road.

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**PUBLIC MARKETS BYE-LAWS**

ARRANGEMENT OF BYE-LAWS

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**PUBLIC MARKETS BYE-LAWS**

189/1953  
[57/1973].

*made under section 4*

**1.** These Bye-laws may be cited as the Public Markets Bye-laws. Citation.

**2.** (1) In these Bye-laws— Interpretation.

“the Clerk” means the Clerk of the market appointed by the Statutory Service Commission to be in charge of and to keep the market and includes any assistant or other person appointed by the Chief Executive Officer to act for the Clerk;

“the Chief Executive Officer” has the meaning assigned to it by the Municipal Corporations Act; Ch. 25:04.

“Council” means the Council of a Corporation in which the market is situated;

“District” means the rural sanitary district in which the market is situated;

“fresh meat” means fresh meat of any cattle, sheep, goat, pig or turtle slaughtered for sale, and includes imported fresh meat;

“the market” means any public market declared as such by Order of the Minister;

“sale” and “sell” include offering and exposing for sale.

(2) The Island-Ward of Tobago shall for all purposes of these Bye-laws be deemed to be a County.

**3.** (1) The Statutory Service Commission shall appoint a Clerk to be in charge of the market. Such Clerk shall be under the control and direction of the Chief Executive Officer, shall cause the market to be opened and closed at the approved times and shall be in attendance every day during the hours when the market is open. Clerk to be in charge of market.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer may appoint a fit and proper person to act as Clerk whenever the Clerk is ill or absent or there is a vacancy in the office of Clerk arising from any other cause. The person so appointed shall perform the duties of the Clerk.

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Wholesale market.

4. The Council shall in their discretion set aside such part of the market as to them may seem proper for use as a wholesale market.

Opening and closing. [57/1973].

5. (1) The market shall be opened at 6.00 a.m. and shall be closed at 4.00 p.m. daily, except on Sundays and Public Holidays when it shall be opened at 6.00 a.m. and closed at 9.00 a.m. However, the Clerk may permit any licensed vendor of fish to use the market after the closing hour in order to dispose of any fresh fish brought to the market after the closing hour.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), the Scarborough Central Market shall be opened at 5.00 a.m. on Saturdays and Public Holidays.

Remaining in market.

6. (1) Otherwise than as provided in bye-law 5, no person shall remain in the market after the closing hour. Every person who is in the market after the closing hour, and who after being requested to leave by the Clerk or by any constable, does not leave immediately, may be removed therefrom by the Clerk or by any constable.

(2) Every person when leaving the market shall carry away all unsold goods and all articles whatsoever which he has placed within the market. Any such goods or articles left in the market after closing shall be at the sole risk of the person leaving the same.

(3) No fresh meat or fish offered for sale on any one day in the market shall be brought back to, or offered for sale in the market on the next or any subsequent day.

Selling fresh meat or fish.

7. (1) No person shall sell fresh meat or fish in the market unless he is in possession of a licence to do so issued by the Clerk. Every application for a licence shall be in writing addressed to the Clerk and signed by the applicant, and shall state the name and address of the applicant in full and be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of the good character of the applicant and by a certificate from a registered medical practitioner stating that the applicant is free from infectious or contagious disease.

(2) The Clerk shall, on the production of such evidence and certificate and on the payment by the applicant of the sum of twenty-five cents, issue a fresh meat, game or fish salesman's licence stating that the holder is authorised to sell fresh meat, game or fish in the market for six months from the date of issue of the licence.

(3) No licence shall be granted to any person under the age of seventeen years; and no female shall sell or assist in selling as a meat or game vendor or perform any other office equivalent to that of a meat or game vendor or meat or game vendor's assistant in the market.

(4) Tripe and other offal meat shall be sold at such places in the market as the Clerk shall appoint.

(5) The Council may, on the representation of the Chief Executive Officer, cancel the licence of any person who conducts himself in a disorderly or improper manner within the precincts of the market.

**8.** Every person selling in the market shall be dressed in clean clothes and in addition, every person selling fresh meat, game or fish in the market shall be properly shod and shall wear a clean apron or other protective garment which shall be replaced every morning by another clean garment.

Clean clothes or garment.

**9.** (1) If the Clerk suspects that any person selling in the market is suffering from infectious or contagious disease he shall make a report to the Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief Executive Officer may require such person to obtain a certificate from the Medical Officer of Health of the District stating whether the person is free from infectious or contagious disease. The Clerk shall refuse admittance to the market, or remove or cause to be removed from the market, any such person failing to produce such certificate.

Infectious or contagious disease.

(2) The Clerk shall refuse admittance to the market, or remove or cause to be removed from the market, any person

suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or from any skin or other disease which in the opinion of the Clerk renders the person unfit to sell in the market.

Certificate.

**10.** (1) No person shall bring into the market the meat of any animal (other than game) unless the meat is accompanied by a certificate from the Clerk of a Government or Municipal Abattoir stating that the animal was slaughtered in such abattoir or, in case the animal is slaughtered outside a Government or Municipal Abattoir, by a certificate from a Medical Officer of Health or registered veterinary surgeon or, in case of inability to obtain such certificate, from a sanitary inspector of the District, stating that the animal was examined by the Medical Officer of Health, registered veterinary surgeon or sanitary inspector, as the case may be, before and after being slaughtered.

(2) Every such certificate shall, in every case, state whether the meat of the slaughtered animal is free from disease and fit for human consumption and shall be handed over to the Clerk.

(3) No person shall bring fresh meat imported into Trinidad and Tobago into the market unless the meat is accompanied by a certificate from a Medical Officer of Health or a registered veterinary surgeon stating that the meat is fit for human consumption.

(4) No person shall bring into or keep for sale in the market any fresh meat unless the meat is properly protected by clean cheese cloth or other material approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

(5) The Clerk shall remove or cause to be removed from the market any marketable commodity which is unfit for human consumption.

Applications.

**11.** All applications for tables, spaces, or stands in the market shall be dealt with by the Clerk, and the Clerk may refuse applications the granting of which would tend unduly to exclude other sellers of similar articles.

**12.** No vendor shall occupy any table or stall without the consent of the Clerk having been first obtained, and in the case of two or more vendors applying for the same table or stall the Clerk shall decide to whom the table or stall shall be let.

Occupying table or stall.

**13.** (1) No vendor of any marketable commodity in the market shall be allowed to rent more than one table or stall for his own use unless there are vacant tables or stalls not rented.

Renting table or stall.

(2) Every person to whom any meat table inside the market is allotted is entitled, without any fresh application being made by him, to continue to be the occupier thereof, and is liable to pay the rent for the same, from day to day until he formally notifies the Clerk in writing or verbally, that he no longer desires to be the hirer or until the expiration of two clear days notice given him in writing by the Clerk.

**14.** There shall be paid by every person who sells any marketable commodities or other articles in the market, dues according to the Schedule; and such dues shall be paid to the Clerk for the use of the Council previous to sale of any marketable commodities in respect of which the same are payable. Every person who removes or attempts to remove from the market or who sells any marketable commodity in respect of which the dues have not been paid in manner aforesaid is guilty of an offence against these Bye-laws.

Dues.

Schedule.

**15.** No person shall, except with the consent of the Clerk, use any stall, table, stand or space in the market except as the immediate occupier thereof. No person shall be allowed to stand behind the tables or stalls of the market, except the vendor and his assistants, the owners of the commodities, the Clerk, the Chief Executive Officer or member of the Council duly authorised, or any of the staff of the market.

Use of stall, table, etc., in market.

**16.** Every person selling any article in the market, who fails to produce his rent or toll ticket when required to do so by the Clerk shall, in addition to any penalty for the breach of this

Rent or toll ticket.

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- Schedule. bye-law which he may incur, pay the rent or toll payable, according to the Schedule in respect of the stall, table, stand or space occupied by him.
- Immediate occupier, etc. **17.** No person not being the immediate occupier, or a servant of the immediate occupier of any stall, table, stand or space in the market shall sell or deposit for sale or otherwise, any article in or upon such stall, table, stand or space.
- Placing of marketable commodity. **18.** No person resorting to the market for the sale of any marketable commodity shall place the marketable commodity for the purpose of sale in any part of the market other than such part as has been set apart for the reception, deposit or exposure for sale of the marketable commodity.
- Selling, etc., of marketable commodity. **19.** No person shall sell, or deposit for sale or otherwise, any marketable commodity in the market, or in any part thereof, other than in, at, or upon a stall, table, stand or space which at the time of the sale or of the depositing, is let and allotted to such person by the Clerk.
- Marketable commodity in front or projecting beyond. **20.** The occupier of any stall, table or stand shall not cause or allow any marketable commodity to be deposited or exposed for sale in or upon the stall, table or stand so that the marketable commodity or any part thereof remains in front of, or project beyond, the stall, table or stand; and no goods shall be allowed to stand or to be piled upon any stall, table, stand or space beyond a maximum height of four and a half feet from the floor.
- Book. **21.** (1) There shall be kept by the Clerk a book in which shall be entered daily a statement of the amount of fresh meat, game and fish brought to the market for sale, the names of the persons by whom the same have been brought, the weight thereof, and the number of tables or stalls used, the names of the persons by whom the same were used, and the amount paid and payable for the use thereof. The book shall be exhibited daily to and the correctness thereof certified by the Chief Executive Officer or his Chief Clerk;

and all moneys collected by the Clerk shall be paid daily to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the Chief Executive Officer.

(2) Any person who introduces any commodity into the market with a view to defraud the revenue by not reporting the same, is guilty of an offence against these Bye-laws.

**22.** The Clerk shall not have any pecuniary interest in the sale of any marketable commodity or in any animal slaughtered for sale in the market. No pecuniary interest by Clerk.

**23.** No carcase or part of the carcase of any animal shall be sold in the market as the carcase or part of any other animal, or as being a description of meat other than the true and proper description thereof. Carcase of animal.

**24.** Every article retailed by weight shall be properly weighed and in all cases of dispute in respect of weight, the seller shall, if required to do so by the purchaser or intended purchaser, cause the article about which the dispute arises to be weighed in the presence of the Clerk or his Assistant or a constable. Weighing of article.

**25.** No person shall sell or deliver any articles in the market of less weight, measure, or number than has been bargained for. Less weight, measure, number.

**26.** All scales used or intended to be used for weighing any articles sold in the market shall be hung at least four inches above the tables. Scales.

**27.** No person shall by any contrivance or device, or in any manner whatever tamper with any scale, balance, beam or weight in the market, whether the scale, balance, beam or weight be the property of, or in the possession of, or under the control of, such person or not. Tampering with scale, etc.

**28.** The paper used by every vendor in the market for the purpose of wrapping up any article sold by him shall be clean paper, not previously used for any purpose. Wrapping paper.

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Hawking,  
carrying about,  
etc.

**29.** No person shall hawk, carry about or cry any articles whatever for sale in the market, or cry out the price of any meat or other article for sale at any stall, table or stand, but shall have the same marked on a label or price list hung in front of his stall. No person shall use any bell or other instrument in the market, and no goods shall be sold by auction in any part of the market.

Instruments for  
cutting bones.

**30.** No person shall use any other instruments than saws, knives and hatchets, for cutting bones in the market.

Chopping meat.

**31.** No meat shall be chopped on any table, stall or other place in the market except on the block provided for the purpose.

Table, stall, etc.,  
not to be  
damaged.

**32.** No person shall in any way damage any table, stall, bench or furniture, appliance or thing in the market.

Spitting,  
throwing, etc.

**33.** No person shall spit on the floor or walls of the market, or in or upon anything in the market, or throw or drop on the floor or ground of the market any offal, garbage or any refuse whatsoever; nor shall any person smoke in the market.

Stall, table, etc.,  
to be kept clean.

**34.** Every occupier of any stall, table or stand in the market shall keep the same in a thoroughly clean condition and shall not allow any refuse or garbage to remain on or about it, but shall deposit the same in the receptacle provided for that purpose.

Cleaning,  
washing market.

**35.** Every vendor of any marketable commodity, as soon as he has finished for the day, shall thoroughly clean the table, scales, weights, appliances and other articles which he has used, to the satisfaction of the Clerk. So soon as the selling of any marketable commodity shall cease, the Clerk shall cause the whole market to be cleaned and washed.

Violence,  
obscene  
language, etc.

**36.** If any person uses violence or obscene language or misbehaves or misconducts himself in the market, such person is guilty of an offence against these Bye-laws.

Obeying orders  
of Clerk or  
Chief Executive  
Officer.

**37.** All persons selling in the market shall obey the lawful orders of the Clerk or Chief Executive Officer; and any person

who in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer conducts himself in a disorderly or improper manner shall not be allowed to sell in the market until such time as the Council determines.

**38.** No person shall molest, hinder or obstruct the Clerk or any other officer of the market in the performance of his duties. Molesting, hindering, etc.

**39.** No fires or cooking shall be allowed in the market. Fires or cooking.

**40.** No person shall sing or whistle or play any musical instrument in the market. Singing, whistling, etc.

**41.** No person shall loiter in the market, or stand in the passages of the market or its immediate approaches to the annoyance or obstruction of any other person. Loitering, etc.

**42.** No person shall bring a dog or permit any dog to follow him into or be with him in the market. Dog.

**43.** No person shall introduce any intoxicating liquor within the precincts of the market. Intoxicating liquor.

**44.** No animal of draught or burden, and no cart or vehicle shall be allowed to remain within the market premises longer than the time necessary for loading and unloading. Animal, cart, etc.

**45.** No bicycles shall be parked within the market. Bicycle.

**46.** It shall not be lawful to sell any marketable commodity within a radius of one mile and a half of the market except within, or on the land of, the market, but the provisions of this bye-law shall not be held to apply in relation to—

- (a) any marketable commodity sold within the aforesaid area in any shop premises (excluding any gallery or other open place occupied in connection with the shop);
- (b) any ground provisions, vegetables or fruit sold by wholesale within the area aforesaid, to a

registered co-operative society, by any of its members, or by a registered co-operative society, in any building occupied by any such society for the purpose of such business with the prior approval of the Council;

- (c) any marketable commodity sold on any land within the aforesaid area when such commodity has been produced on such land.

Penalty. **47.** Every person who commits any offence against any of these Bye-laws is liable to a fine of forty dollars.

Complaints. **48.** Any person having complaints about the administration of the market may make these in writing addressed to the Clerk of the Council. The Council or the appropriate Committee thereof shall consider the representation and subject to these Bye-laws the Council shall give such instructions to the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation as they think necessary or desirable.

Returns. **49.** The Chief Executive Officer shall submit quarterly returns of all business transacted at each market in the Corporation, along with any other relevant information, to the Council. The Council may take such returns and information into consideration and subject to these Bye-laws may issue such instructions as seem to the Council to be necessary or desirable.

SCHEDULE

Bye-laws 14  
and 16.

MARKET DUES

						\$	¢.
1. Table or stall for sale of beef or veal	...					.50	per day.
do. do. do. ... ..	...					2.00	per week, payable in advance.
do. do. do. ... ..	...					5.00	per month, or \$2.50 per half month, payable in advance.
2. Table or stall for sale of pork, mutton, goat, venison, or turtle	...					.25	per day
do. do. do. ... ..	...					.72	per week, payable in advance.
do. do. do. ... ..	...					2.50	per month, payable in advance.
3. Stall for fish	...					.10	per day.
do. ... ..	...					.25	per week, payable in advance.
do. ... ..	...					.40	per month, payable in advance.
4. Permission to sell tripe or offal	...					.15	per day.
do. do. do. ... ..	...					.75	per month, payable in advance.
5. Table or stall for marketable commodity not mentioned above	...					.10	per day.
do. do. do. ... ..	...					.25	per week, payable in advance.
do. do. do. ... ..	...					.40	per month, payable in advance.
6. Permission to sell turtle, livestock, ground provision or fruit on land of market, but outside the precincts of market building	...					.05	per day.

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**COUNTRY MARKETS (MACOYA OFF-HIGHWAY MARKET) ORDER**

*made under section 2(1)*

Citation.

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Country Markets (Macoya Off-Highway Market) Order.

New market established.

**2.** The premises situated at the junction of the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway and Macoya Road, Tunapuna, in the Ward of Tacarigua and which are more particularly described in the Schedule are declared to be a public market.

Schedule.

Market named.

**3.** The public market established under clause 2 shall be known by the name “Macoya Off-Highway Market”.

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**SCHEDULE**

All that piece or parcel of land comprising approximately two acres of land and bounded on the North by the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway, on the South by State Lands, on the East by the Macoya Road Extension and on the West by other lands of the State.

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**COUNTRY MARKETS (MACOYA OFF-HIGHWAY  
MARKET) BYE-LAWS**

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**SECOND SCHEDULE.**

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**COUNTRY MARKETS (MACOYA OFF-HIGHWAY MARKET) BYE-LAWS***made under section 4*

Citation.

**1.** These Bye-laws may be cited as the Country Markets (Macoya Off-Highway Market) Bye-laws.

**PRELIMINARY**

Definitions.

**2.** In these Bye-laws—

Second  
Schedule.

“authorised produce” means articles authorised to be sold in the Market under the Second Schedule;

“Chief Executive Officer” means the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Administrative Officer of a Council howsoever called;

“cold stores” means any place or appliance used for keeping and preserving by refrigeration, any meat, fish, fruit, vegetables or other food intended for human consumption;

Ch. 25:04.

“constable” includes any member of the Police Service, any member of a Municipal Police Force within the meaning of the Municipal Corporations Act, and any member of the supplemental bodies of Police established by the Supplemental Police Act and the Special Reserve Police Act;

Ch. 15:02.  
Ch. 15:03.

“Council” means the Council of St. George East or the Municipal Council for the Regional Municipality of Tunapuna established by the Municipal Corporations Act;

“market” means the public market established by the Country Markets (Macoya Off-Highway Market) Order;

“market clerk” means the person appointed to manage the market under the jurisdiction of the Council and includes any other person for the time being performing the duties of market clerk;

“stall” includes any booth, counter, bench, stand or other erection, and any space set apart for the reception of any articles for sale;

“stall-holder” has the meaning assigned to it by bye-law 9(2).

### MARKET ADMINISTRATION

**3.** (1) The market clerk shall be in charge of the market and shall be under the control and direction of the Chief Executive Officer. The market clerk shall cause the market to be opened and closed at the approved times and shall be in attendance every day during the hours when the market is open.

Market clerk to have charge of market.

(2) The market clerk shall keep a correct account of all fees and revenues accruing to the market and shall, at such times as the Council may direct, pay over the monies received by him to the Chief Executive Officer or to such other person as the Council directs.

**4.** Every market fee or charge leviable and made payable under these Bye-laws shall be demanded and received by the market clerk and his receipt shall be a sufficient acquittance and discharge for the same. In default of the payment of any such fee, the market clerk may seize and sell at auction sufficient of any goods found in the stall for which such fee or charge is payable to satisfy such demand and all necessary costs of sale.

Collection of market fees and charges.

**5.** No member of the Council, or officer, or other person employed by the Council, shall be in any manner interested directly or indirectly in the sale of anything offered for sale in the market, or shall receive directly or indirectly any reward of any kind or description from the letting of stalls or places in the market or from the sale of anything therein.

No pecuniary interest by members, etc.

**6.** (1) The market shall be opened and closed at the times set out in the First Schedule.

Opening and closing hours. First Schedule.

(2) The Council may, by resolution, amend the First Schedule but no such resolution shall have effect until one month after notice thereof was first published in the *Gazette* and in at least one daily newspaper.

**7.** (1) Stalls in the Market shall be used for the sale of produce authorised to be sold under the Second Schedule and for no other purpose.

Use of stalls. Second Schedule.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any cafeteria licensed and operated in accordance with Rules made by the Council.

Meat, fish  
and wholesale  
sections.

**8.** (1) The Council may by resolution designate separate sections of the Market for the exclusive sale of—

- (a) fresh meat;
- (b) fish; and
- (c) other authorised produce by wholesale.

(2) Where the Council adopts any resolution providing for the sale by wholesale of authorised produce other than fresh meat and fish in the Market, it shall fix the hours during which such selling by wholesale may be permitted.

Register of  
stalls.

**9.** (1) The market clerk shall cause all stalls in the market to be numbered in plain and legible characters and to be registered in a book to be kept for that purpose.

(2) Such book shall also contain the name, address and description of every person (in these Bye-laws, referred to as a “stall-holder”) to whom a licence to occupy a stall is granted, the date when each licence commenced, the amount of the rent, the date of termination of each licence, and the cause of termination.

(3) Subject to these Bye-laws and to any resolution adopted by the Council under bye-law 8, the market clerk shall from time to time direct what articles may be exposed for sale in the stalls in different parts of the market.

Letting of stalls.

**10.** (1) When any stall becomes vacant the market clerk may let the same to any approved person at such rent as shall from time to time be fixed by the Council.

(2) No vendor may occupy any stall in the market without first obtaining the consent of the market clerk.

(3) No person may become a stall-holder of more than one stall at any time unless there are vacant stalls unrented in the market.

(4) No person under the age of 17 years shall be a stall-holder.

**11.** Subject to the provisions of these Bye-laws the licence for occupancy of every stall shall be from month to month and rent in respect thereof shall, in all cases, be payable in advance. In default of payment, the stall-holder, if in possession, shall forthwith be ejected by the market clerk who may, in addition to any other remedy for the recovery of the rent, seize and sell any goods in such stall sufficient for the payment of such rent and necessary costs incidental to such sale.

Duration of licence.

**12.** The Council may cancel any licence issued under these Bye-laws where the licence-holder—

Cancellation of licence.

- (a) has assaulted any officer of the Council;
- (b) has been convicted of any offence involving violence or tending to produce disorder in a public market;
- (c) has been convicted of selling unwholesome food or of introducing unwholesome food for sale in the market; or
- (d) persists in acting in any manner contrary to the requirements of these Bye-laws.

**13.** If the occupier of any stall, on giving up possession or on being ejected, does not forthwith remove all goods belonging to him therefrom, such goods shall be removed by the market clerk and sold at the expiration of seven days from the date of such removal unless the goods are claimed within that period and all expenses incurred by the market clerk are reimbursed, but any perishable article so removed may be sold at once.

Removal of goods on termination of licence.

**14.** (1) The licence for a stall is not transferable and no stall-holder shall sublet his stall or assign or part with his right to occupy such stall to any other person.

Subletting not permitted.

(2) Where any stall-holder acts in contravention of this bye-law, his licence shall be terminated and, upon being required

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by the market clerk to do so, shall vacate the stall, remove all goods therefrom.

(3) Where any such person fails to vacate the stall in accordance with paragraph (2), the market clerk may eject such person and cause such goods to be removed from the market.

Name of stall-holder to be exhibited.

15. (1) The stall-holder of every stall shall, on the day he takes possession of such stall, place and, thereafter, keep exposed to public view, in such part of the front of his stall as the market clerk shall point out, his name in such plain and legible characters in such manner and form as the market clerk shall direct.

(2) No stall-holder shall be allowed to occupy and use any stall until he complies with paragraph (1).

Stalls to be occupied.

16. (1) Subject to the provisions of this bye-law, every stall-holder shall keep open, or occupy, or use his stall at all times.

(2) Any stall-holder who fails to keep open, or occupy or use his stall for more than six successive days without the consent of the market clerk shall be deemed to have terminated his licence and, where any rent is owing, the market clerk may seize and sell any goods in the stall sufficient for the payment thereof and necessary costs.

Remaining in market after closing.

17. Unless authorised by the Council, no person shall remain in the market after the closing hour. Any unauthorised person found in the market during closed hours may be arrested without warrant by any constable and shall, in addition to any penalty to which he may be subject in respect of any other offence, be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

Security of goods.

18. (1) All goods or articles left in the market after closing shall be at the sole risk of the persons leaving same; and the Council, its officers and employees shall not be responsible for any loss or damage occurring thereto howsoever caused.

(2) Stall-holders may, through an association approved by the Council and with the prior consent of the Council, effect

such reasonable arrangements for the security and protection of goods left in the market after closing as may be agreed with the market clerk.

### GOOD HOUSE-KEEPING

**19.** (1) Every stall-holder, as soon as he is finished selling for the day, shall thoroughly clean the table, scales, weights, appliances and other articles which he has used, to the satisfaction of the market clerk. Cleansing of equipment.

(2) The market clerk shall see that the market stalls are properly cleaned every day before closing the market and shall cause the whole market to be cleaned and washed.

**20.** (1) Every stall-holder shall at all times keep such stall and the adjacent walls and passages free from refuse, garbage, offal, and dirt of every kind. Stalls to be kept clean.

(2) Where a stall-holder refuses or neglects to do so, the market clerk shall cause such stall and its environs to be cleaned and, unless the stall-holder pays the expenses incurred in doing so forthwith on demand, such expenses may be recovered by the market clerk from the stall-holder by seizure and sale at auction by the market clerk of any goods in such stall sufficient for payment thereof and the stall-holder shall, in addition, be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars for every such refusal or neglect.

**21.** Every stall-holder shall cause all garbage or refuse to be deposited in the receptacles provided for that purpose. Disposal of garbage.

### PROTECTION OF MARKET PROPERTY

**22.** (1) No fires or cooking shall be permitted in the market. Fires and naked lights not permitted.

(2) Every person who uses any light other than an electric light in the market shall have such light enclosed in a glass shade or glass lantern.

Damage to  
market  
property, etc.

**23.** Any person who, in the market—

- (a) breaks or damages any stall, appliance, furniture, structure or fence;
- (b) sharpens any hatchet, knife or other tool on the stalls, walls, or any brick or concrete structure or floor;
- (c) sits on any table, stall or chopping block;
- (d) defaces any sign or surface;
- (e) propels or operates any hand-truck, wheel-barrow or other vehicle recklessly or negligently; or
- (f) plays any ball game,

is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

Signs and  
advertisements.

**24.** Except for a single authorised sign bearing the name of the current stall-holder as required by bye-law 15, no signs, notices or advertisements shall be painted, affixed or placed on any part of the exterior of any stall.

No additions  
to stalls, etc.

**25.** (1) No stall-holder may add to or alter the external dimensions of any stall.

(2) Without the written consent of the Council first had and obtained, no awning or shade of any description may be affixed or erected outside any stall.

(3) Without the written consent of the Council first had and obtained, no person may paint the exterior of any stall.

(4) No articles shall be hung or placed outside any stall and all displays of articles for sale and all selling activities shall be confined within stalls.

#### MAINTENANCE OF ORDER

Obstruction  
of officers.

**26.** Every person who assaults or obstructs any person authorised to—

- (a) collect rents or fees;
- (b) inspect or seize any marketable commodity;
- (c) remove any obstructions;

- (d) extinguish any fire;
- (e) inspect any stall;
- (f) remove any disorderly person; or
- (g) perform any other duty under these Bye-laws,

in the execution of such duty, is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

**27.** (1) No person may bring any alcoholic beverage into the market. Exclusion of alcoholic beverages.

(2) No person may consume or have in his possession any alcoholic beverage while in the market.

**28.** Any person who is violent or uses obscene language or misbehaves or otherwise misconducts himself while in the market is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars. Use of violence, obscene language, etc.

**29.** No person shall sing or whistle to the annoyance of any other person or play any musical instrument, or any radio or other music-making device in the market. Singing, whistling, etc.

**30.** No person shall hawk, carry about or cry any articles for sale in the market, or cry out the price of any articles for sale at any stall. Prices shall be marked on labels or price lists and positioned in front of articles for sale. No person shall use any bell or other noise-making instrument in the market and, except for a sale by order of the market clerk for realising rents, fines, or other sums recoverable under these Bye-laws, no goods shall be sold by auction in any part of the market. Hawking, carrying about, etc.

**31.** No person shall loiter in the market, or stand in its passages or its immediate approaches or obstruct the free passage of other persons there-through. Loitering, etc.

**32.** The market clerk or anyone acting under his direction may remove all obstructions to and all persons obstructing any path or Removal of obstructions.

passage in the market and, where such obstruction is caused by goods or any other articles whatsoever, may seize and impound the same until a penalty of fifty dollars and the expenses of removal and impoundment are paid to the market clerk. If not claimed within 24 hours, the goods or articles so seized may be sold by the market clerk and the proceeds paid over to the Chief Executive Officer for the use of the Council. Every person who wilfully obstructs any path or passage in or to the market is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

Inspection  
of stalls.

**33.** The market clerk or any person authorised by him, any Meat Inspector, a Public Health Inspector or any authorised Constable may at all times enter and inspect any stall, stand or locker in the market for the purpose of verifying whether these Bye-laws are being observed and for securing their enforcement.

Bicycles.

**34.** No person may bring any bicycle into any building in the market or park any bicycle except in a place designated and set apart for that purpose.

Vehicles in the  
market yard.

**35.** (1) Except with the permission of the market clerk first had and obtained, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle or animal of draught or burden to enter any part of the market other than the area reserved for the parking of vehicles.

(2) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle allowed to enter market premises for the purpose of loading or unloading to remain on the market premises longer than the time necessary for loading or unloading.

Expulsion for  
disorderly  
conduct.

**36.** (1) Any stall-holder or his assistant convicted of committing an offence involving disorderly conduct in the market may be expelled from the market by resolution of the Council and thereafter while such resolution continues in force may be treated as a trespasser if he enters the market on any occasion for any purpose without the permission of the market clerk.

(2) In this bye-law, “offence involving disorderly conduct” includes—

- (a) assault;
- (b) use of abusive or obscene language;
- (c) disorderly behaviour;
- (d) disturbing the peace by fighting;
- (e) introducing any alcoholic beverage to the market;
- (f) consuming or having alcoholic beverage in one’s possession;
- (g) obstructing any officer in the discharge of his duties under these Bye-laws;
- (h) gambling or assembling to gamble; and
- (i) uttering threats to any person.

**37.** All persons selling in the market shall obey the lawful orders of the market clerk or the Chief Executive Officer; and any person who in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer conducts himself in a disorderly manner or persistently acts in contravention of these Bye-laws may on the Order of the Chief Executive Officer be forbidden to sell in the market until such time as the Council has considered and determined any request by the Chief Executive Officer or the market clerk that such person be ejected therefrom.

Suspension  
by Chief  
Executive  
Officer.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**38.** All meat or fish, vegetables, fruit or other articles (whether solid or liquid) intended for human consumption exposed for sale in the market or found in the market which, in the opinion of the market clerk, the Medical Officer of Health, the Meat Inspector, or a Public Health Inspector, are of bad or unwholesome quality may be seized by any of them and destroyed and the person offering or exposing the same for sale, or the occupier or person in charge of the stall in which the same was found is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

Unwholesome  
food may be  
destroyed.

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Record of seizures.

**39.** The market clerk, the Meat Inspector, or Public Health Inspector, as the case may be, shall enter in a book kept for that purpose particulars of any article so seized.

Food handler's badges.

**40.** (1) No person may sell in the market unless—

(a) he is in possession of a valid and subsisting food handler's badge issued under the Public Health Ordinance;

(b) he wears and keeps such badge displayed on his person while selling.

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(2) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this bye-law is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

Clean clothes to be worn.

**41.** Every person selling in the market shall be dressed in clean clothes and, in addition, every such person selling fresh meat or fish shall be properly shod and shall wear a clean apron or other protective garment which shall be replaced not less often than every morning by another clean garment.

Infectious or contagious disease.

**42.** (1) Where the market clerk suspects that a person selling in the market is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, he shall make a report to the Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief Executive Officer may require such person to obtain a certificate from the Medical Officer of Health of the District stating whether the person is free from infectious or contagious disease.

(2) The market clerk shall refuse admittance to the market, or remove or cause to be removed from the market any such person failing to produce such certificate.

(3) The market clerk shall refuse admittance to the market or remove or cause to be removed from the market any person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or from any skin or other disease which in the opinion of the clerk renders the person unfit to sell in the market.

**43.** (1) No person may prepare, sell, offer, or expose for sale in the market any prepared food intended for human consumption except in a booth or area specially designated and set apart for that purpose by order of the Council and in accordance with Rules made by the Council. Prepared foods.

(2) All appliances, freezers, churns, milk-cans, implements, bottles and other vessels, eating or drinking utensils and accessories employed in the preparation or sale of prepared food shall immediately after use and at all other appropriate times be thoroughly washed in clean running water and shall at all times be kept by the owner and every person having charge thereof in a clean and wholesome state to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

(3) In this bye-law, “prepared food” includes: bread, cakes and pastries of all kinds, prepared dishes whether cooked or uncooked, drinks, refreshments, confectionary and condiments.

**44.** No person shall sell, offer, or expose for sale any authorised produce on the ground in the market or on the floor of any stall. Authorised produce may be sold, offered or exposed for sale at floor or ground level only if they are placed on or contained in suitable bags, trays, boxes, pans or other containers approved by the Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Officer, or Veterinary Surgeon for the district under the Council’s jurisdiction. No exposure of foodstuffs on floor.

**45.** No person shall bring or permit any dog to follow him into or to be with him in the market. No dogs allowed.

**46.** Every bottle containing any article for sale shall be labelled with the name and the quantity of its contents and if not so labelled may be seized and destroyed. Bottles to be labelled.

**47.** Paper used by any vendor in the market for the purpose of wrapping any articles sold shall be— Wrapping paper.

- (a) clean, and
- (b) not previously used for any purpose.

## SALE OF FRESH MEAT AND FISH

Fresh meat to be passed by Meat Inspector.

**48.** (1) No person shall bring any fresh meat into the market unless such meat has been passed by the Meat Inspector as fit for human consumption and marked by him in the manner approved by the Medical Officer of Health.

(2) Any meat brought into the market in contravention of this bye-law may be seized by the Medical Officer of Health, the Meat Inspector, or the market clerk and destroyed.

Removal of fresh meat to cold stores prohibited.

**49.** (1) No person shall store or allow fresh meat or fish to remain in the market after closing hours.

(2) No person shall remove any fresh meat from the market to any cold stores and no person shall sell or offer or expose for sale in the market any fresh meat which was exposed for sale on a previous day.

(3) Any meat found in the market in contravention of this bye-law may be seized by the Medical Officer of Health, the Meat Inspector, or the market clerk and destroyed.

Designated fresh meat stalls.

**50.** (1) No person shall sell or expose for sale in the market any fresh meat except at a stall set aside for that purpose.

(2) Any person who sells or exposes for sale any fresh meat in contravention of this bye-law is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty dollars.

Stall, etc., to be washed each day.

**51.** (1) Every person who sells meat in the market shall, at the close of business each day, wash the stall, scrape and wash the table or shambles and chopping block, and thoroughly cleanse the scale and weights which have been used by him.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this bye-law is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

Other offences against sanitation.

**52.** Any person who, in the market—

(a) spits on the ground or on the wall or floor of any stall or building;

- (b) urinates, defecates, or deposits filth, urine, or any other offensive matter in any place other than in the facilities provided for such purposes; or
- (c) deposits any refuse on the ground,

is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

### CONSUMER PROTECTION

**53.** (1) No vendor shall refuse to sell any meat, fish, or other authorised produce exposed or offered for sale in the market in such quantities as a purchaser may require or impose any condition on the sale of any such articles.

Conditions of sale prohibited.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this bye-law is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.

**54.** Every article retailed by weight shall be properly weighed and, in all cases of dispute in respect of weight, the seller shall, if required to do so by the purchaser or intended purchaser, cause the article about which the dispute arises to be weighed in the presence of the market clerk or his assistant or a constable.

Sales according to proper weights.

**55.** No person shall sell or deliver any articles in the market of less weight, measure, or number than has been bargained for.

Less weight, measure, number.

**56.** No carcass or part of the carcass of any animal shall be sold in the market as the carcass or part of any other animal or as being a description of meat other than the true and proper description thereof.

True description of meat.

**57.** (1) No person shall by any contrivance or device, or in any manner whatever tamper with any scale, balance, beam or weight in the market, whether the scale, balance, beam or weight is the property of, or in the possession of, or under the control of, such person or not.

Tampering with scale, etc.

(2) The market clerk or any constable authorised by the Council may inspect and examine the beams, scales, weights and

measures at any stall in the market and shall cause the same to be made correct, true and legal.

(3) Any person having in his possession in the market any false, illegal or incorrect beams, scales, weights or measures or deceptive device contrary to the standard weights or measures is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars and the false, illegal, or incorrect beam, weight or measure or other deceptive device may be forfeited by order of the convicting Magistrate.

(4) Any person convicted of a contravention against this bye-law is, upon being convicted of contravening this bye-law a second or any subsequent time, liable to be expelled as a seller from the market upon resolution of the Council.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Prohibition of unauthorised vending.

**58.** (1) No person shall sell or offer for sale any authorised produce at any place within a radius of one and a half kilometres of the market except in a shop, store, warehouse or other premises established and operated for the sale of such products by the authority of or under a licence issued by the Council.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to—

- (a) the sale of ground provisions, vegetables, or fruit at wholesale within the area prescribed to a registered co-operative society by any of its members, or by a registered co-operative society in any building occupied for the purpose of the society's business with the prior approval of the Council;
- (b) the sale of ground provisions, vegetables or fruit on any land within the area prescribed when they have been produced on such land.

(3) A copy in legible letters of paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place on the grounds or buildings of the market.

**59.** The market clerk shall record each day in a book kept for that purpose a statement of the amount of fresh meat and fish brought to the market for sale, the names of the persons by whom the same was brought and the quantity of fresh meat or fish brought by each such person; the book shall be exhibited daily to and its correctness certified by the Chief Executive Officer or his Chief Clerk.

Daily record of fresh meat and fish.

**60.** The Council may make Rules not inconsistent with these Bye-laws for the maintenance, protection, and efficient operation of the market and for ensuring the proper ordering and discharge of any matter herein provided for.

Power to make Rules.

**61.** One copy of these Bye-laws and of any Rules made by the Council hereunder shall be delivered free of charge to every stallholder and printed copies thereof shall be exhibited in some conspicuous place in the market.

Bye-laws and Rules to be exhibited.

**62.** Every person who in any manner contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Bye-laws for breach of which no other penalty is provided shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars.

General penalty.

(Bye-law 6).

## FIRST SCHEDULE

### HOURS OF OPENING

1. The days and the hours between which the market shall be opened and kept open shall be as follows:

Weekdays other than Public Holidays—6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Sundays and Public Holidays—6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Provided that—

- (a) during the two weeks immediately preceding Christmas, the hours shall be 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily; and
- (b) during the week immediately preceeding any other national festival when so appointed by resolution of the Council, the hours shall be 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

(Bye-Law 7).

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### AUTHORISED PRODUCE

1. The following and no other articles are authorised to be sold in the market:

Fresh meat of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs slaughtered in Trinidad and Tobago;  
Fresh fish;  
Eggs;  
Ground provisions, vegetables, pulses and fruits.

2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1 of this Schedule, none of the following is authorised to be sold in the market:

Frozen meat (whether thawed or unthawed);  
Corned, pickled, or salted meat or fish;  
Flour;  
Rice;  
Butter, margarine, lard;  
Cheese;  
Smoked herring;  
Canned or other processed foods;  
Soap or detergent.