L.N. 14 of 1990

GUEST HOUSES AND HOLIDAY FURNISHED PREMISES ACT, 1974
(ACT NO. XIV OF 1974)

Guest Houses and Holiday Furnished Premises (Amendment) Regulations, 1990

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 12 of the Guest Houses and Holiday Furnised Premises Act, 1974, the Minister for Development of Tertiary Sector has made the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement.

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Guest Houses Holiday Furnished Premises (Amendment) Regulations, 1990, and shall be read and construed as one with the Guest Houses and Holiday Furnised Premises Regulations, 1976, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations". L.N. 134 of 1976.

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st January, 1990.

Amends the Second Schedule to the principal regulations.

2. For the First Part of the Second Schedule to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"FIRST PART

Guest Houses

(1) *General Description*

The general description of the premises falling under this category shall be that of a Guest House which is situated in good surroundings and which offers, besides accomodation, breakfast facilities.

(2) *Classification*

The Board shall classify a Guest House in any of the following grades:— FIRST Class, SECOND Class or THIRD Class.

(3) *Minimum Requirements*

The minimum requirements for any of the categories of a guest house shall be the following:—

(a) The building shall comply with the technical and architectural specifications laid down by law;

(b) The building shall comply with the sanitary and hygenic conditions prescribed by law;

(c) The Guest House shall not be situated in a residential block unless it has an independent entrance and, if situated from the second floor upwards, it has independent lift facilities;

(d) The Guest House shall not have less than five bedrooms for accomodation of guests. Each bedroom shall have a bed or beds, side table and mirror, wardrobe, chair, bedside rugs and curtains or blinds. An extra chair shall be available if the room accommodates two persons. The room must have a window or balcony as well as proper heating/ cooling when appropriate. A wash-hand basin with hot and cold water shall be provided in all bedrooms;

(e) The furniture, furnishings and decor of the bedrooms and public areas, as well as the linen and chinaware, shall be of adequate standard;

(f) Properly equipped and tiled public bathrooms or showers, as well as toilets, shall be provided for the use of guests at a ratio of not less than one for every three bedrooms available in the Guest House;

(g) A breakfast room shall be provided to meet the needs of the total number of persons that can be accommodated in the Guest House;

(h) A properly equipped kitchen shall be provided to meet the needs of the total number of persons that can be accommodated in the Guest House;

(i) There shall be proper and adequate lighting facilities in all parts of the Guest House to meet all the needs of the guests;

(j) The Guest House shall be attended by a responsible person at least during the day;

(k) Making up and cleaning of rooms are to be carried out daily;

(l) There shall be installed in the premises an adequate emergency alarm system and full fire-precautionary measures shall be taken. Alarm, fire and emergency instructions shall be clearly fixed in all bedrooms in at least four foreign languages.

SECTION A

First Class Guest House

1. Besides the minimum requirements as laid down in paragraph (3) of the First Part of this Schedule, a Guest House of this category shall also have the following:—

(a) A comfortable lounge with a television set shall be available. Telephone facilities accessible to guests shall be provided. The Guest House shall be attended by a responsible person during all the hours of the day and night.

(b) The furniture, furnishings and decor of the bedrooms and public areas as well as the linen and chinaware shall be of high standard.

(c) Each bedroom shall have a properly tiled private bathroom with hot and cold running water. This shall be fully equipped with bath or shower facilities, toilet, shaver points, wash-hand basin, as well as mirror with adequate lighting.

(d) A lift is required if the Guest House consists of more than two floors above the ground floor.

SECTION B

Second Class Guest House

1. Besides the minimum requirements as laid down in paragraph (3) of the First Part of this Schedule, a Guest House of this category shall also have the following:—

(a) A comfortable lounge with a television set shall be available. Telephone facilities accessible to guests shall be provided. The Guest House shall be attended by a responsible person during all the hours of the day, and he shall be accessible by telephone during off-duty hours.

(b) The furniture, furnishings and decor of the bedrooms and public areas as well as the linen and chinaware shall be of good standard.

(c) A lift is recommended if the Guest House consists of more than two floors above the ground floor.

SECTION C

Third Class Guest House

1. The minimum requirements as indicated in paragraph (3) of the First Part of the Second Schedule shall be the requirements of a Guest House of this category.".

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