

## **Health Regulations for Vegetable and Fruit Shops (Greengrocers)**

Article (1): A municipal licence for the shop shall be obtained from the concerned municipality prior to practising the activity.

Article (2): Every person working in the shop shall have a valid health card issued by the concerned authority and such persons shall be subject to annual medical examination, or whenever necessary, and appropriate action shall be taken in light of the results of the examination.

Article (3): The shop shall be constructed with fixed materials, at a location far from sources of pollution and shall not be connected to the owner's or workers' residence.

Article (4): A glass door with sprung hinges shall be fixed.

Article (5): The floor shall be covered with non-slip tiles fitted with a semicircular drain and iron grating sloping outwards into the drainage system. The walls and ceiling shall be coated with light oil paint.

Article (6): The following shall be provided inside the shop:

- a) lights, air-conditioners and exhaust fans suited to the shop area.
- b) An electric shock insect trapping device shall be fitted in a suitable place.
- c) First Aid Kit.

It is permissible to provide a suitable basin for washing vegetables and fruit prior to foodstuff display for sale provided that it is connected with a sewage system.

Article (7): Stainless steel or painted wooden shelves in the form of steps shall be erected to display vegetables and fruits.

Article (8): Part of the shop shall be designated for storage of large quantities of vegetables and fruits and it is also permissible to provide a refrigerator for safekeeping of rapid-decaying vegetables and fruits.

Article (9): Vegetables and fruits shall be fresh and free from decay and the decayed quantities shall be removed immediately.