

Health Regulations for Coffee Shops

Chapter One General Regulations

Article (1): A municipal licence shall be obtained from the concerned municipality before commencement of work.

The coffee shop shall consist of a place for preparing sandwiches and beverages and the customers' sitting space.

Article (2): The coffee shop shall be established in a site far from any source of pollution and its area shall be not less than 18 m² while the area of a local (traditional) coffee shop shall be not less than 22 m².

Article (3): The floor of the coffee shop shall be made of non-slip tiles. The walls and ceiling shall be coated with light oil paint, with suitable decor.

The walls of the sandwich and beverage preparation place shall be covered with white tiles to a height of not less than two metres.

Article (4): The coffee shop shall be provided with the following:

- a) Lighting, air-conditioners, ceiling fans and exhaust fans suited to the coffee shop area. All vents shall be covered with wire mesh.
- b) Electrical shock insect traps, to be installed far from food preparation places.
- c) A permanent source of filtered hot and cold water.
- d) Refrigerators for foodstuff and soft drinks.
- e) First Aid Kit.
- f) Wastewater drainage system in accordance with the regulations in force.
- g) Hand washing space provided with liquid soap, paper towel or electrical dryer.
- h) Container with a suitable cover to collect litter for disposal at sites designated by the municipality.

- Article (5): The coffee shop door shall be tight with sprung hinges.
- Article (6): The area of the sandwich and beverage preparation place shall be not less than $6m^2$ and the length of each side shall be not less than two metres. This place shall be separated from the customers' sitting area by a one-metre-high block barrier surmounted by a glass barrier with a window and door.
- Article (7): The customers' area shall be provided with a number of suitable chairs and tables according to the size of the area.
- Article (8): All tools and utensils used for preparation and serving of sandwiches and beverages shall be made of stainless metal.
- Article (9): Glass cups or disposable paper cups shall be used for serving hot and cold drinks.
- Article (10): The basic foodstuff used for preparing sandwiches and beverages shall be fit for consumption.
- Article (11): Juice shall be prepared in the required quantities and at the time ordered.
- Article (12): Smoking shall not be allowed inside the coffee shop.
- Article (13): The requirements of the Directorate-General of Civil Defence, ROP shall be adhered to.
- Article (14): All workers in the coffee shop shall have valid health cards issued by the concerned municipality and they shall be subject to an annual medical examination, as necessary, appropriate action to be taken based on the examination's results.

Chapter Two

Ordinary Coffee Shop Regulations

- Article (15): The area of the customers' sitting space shall be not less than $12m^2$ and shall consist of:
- a) Water coolers with taps and filters.
 - b) Display refrigerator with glass front for sweets and dairy products.

- c) Hand washbasin with liquid soap and paper towels or electric dryer.

Article (16): The sandwich and beverage preparation place shall be provided with the following:

- a) A suitable table covered by a strong marble sheet.
- b) A cabinet for preservation of sandwich and beverage-making tools placed at a height of at least 30 cm above floor level.
- c) A source of heat to keep the food always hot.
- d) A sink with two strainers for washing foodstuff and utensils.

Chapter Three **Regulations For Local Coffee Shops**

Article (17): Local coffee shops are those which serve only hot and cold drink, juice, omani halwa, dates and some omani snacks.

Article (18): Area of the customers' sitting space shall be not less than 16 m², within which a refrigerator with filter and taps shall be placed.

Article (19): The following shall be provided in the beverage preparation place:

- a) Container and dishwashing basin.
- b) Suitable table covered with a piece of marble.
- c) Cabinet for keeping beverage preparation tools.
- d) A suitable place for keeping fruit used for juice.

Chapter Four **Regulations For Mobile Coffee Shops**

Article (20): The activities of mobile coffee shops shall be limited to serving sandwich and hot/cold drinks as follows:

- Sandwiches, cheese varieties, butter, jam, honey, boiled eggs, fresh fruits.
- Hot drinks, such as tea and coffee; cold drinks, such as soft drinks, juice and mineral water.
- Ice cream.

Article (21): The concerned municipality shall determine the parking area for the mobile coffee shop's vehicle. This vehicle shall be provided with the following: -

- a) Fixed table for preparation of sandwiches.
- b) Refrigerator.
- c) Fan.
- d) Electric shock insect trapping equipment.
- e) Container, with a suitable cover, for refuse collection.
- f) Adequate lighting.
- g) Delivery window on one side of the vehicle.
- h) Ice cream machine.

Article (22): A toaster may be used to heat sandwiches.

Article (23): Drinking water shall be limited to mineral water only.

Article (24): The mobile coffee shop shall be cleared of all foodstuff including bread on a daily basis. Serving sandwiches or bread remaining from the previous day is prohibited.