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1999 No. 5.

**The National Environment (Standards For Discharge of
Effluent into Water or on Land) Regulations, 1999.**

(Under sections 27 and 108 of the National Environment Statute, 1995).

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister responsible for the National Environment Statute, 1995 by section 108 of the National Environment Statute, 1995 and on the recommendation of the Board and the Policy Committee on the Environment, these Regulations are made this 20th day of January, 1999.

Statute No.
4 of 1995.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Environment (Standards for Discharge of Effluent into Water or on Land) Regulations, 1999.

Citation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

Inter-
pretation.

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the National Environment Authority appointed under section 12 of the National Environment Statute, 1995.

Statute No.
4 of 1995.

3. (1) The standards for effluent or waste water before it is discharged into water or on land shall be as prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Standards
for effluent.

(2) The Executive Director or a person authorised by him or her may issue guidelines and recommend the method of treatment of effluent for industries or establishments so as to ensure assimilation by the water or land into which the effluent is discharged.

General
obligation
to mitigate
pollution.

4. (1) Every industry or establishment shall install at its premises, anti-pollution equipment for the treatment of effluent and chemical discharge emanating from the industry or establishment.

(2) Anti-pollution equipment installed under sub-regulation (1) shall be based on the best practicable means, environmentally sound practice or other guidelines as the Executive Director may determine.

Duty to
keep
records.

5. (1) A lead agency applying the standards established under these Regulations shall, as required by section 78 of the National Environment Statute, 1995—

(a) keep a record of the amount of waster generated by the activity and of the parameters of the discharges;

(b) submit the record referred to in paragraph (a) to the Executive Director and to any other relevant lead agency, every three months from the commencement of the activity for which the permit was issued;

(c) report to the Executive Director any abnormal discharge of effluent.

(2) The Executive Director may, on receiving the record under subregulation (1), issue such guidelines as he or she considers necessary under the circumstances to ensure reduction of the discharge of effluent.

6. (1) A person who contravenes these Regulations Offences.
commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to imprisonment
for a term not exceeding eighteen months or to a fine not less
than one hundred and eighty thousand shillings and not more
than eighteen million shillings or both.

(2) The Executive Director may, in addition to any
penalty imposed under subregulation (1), give directions as to
steps to be taken to mitigate the damage caused as a result of the
contravention, and the person liable shall comply with the
directions.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

STANDARDS FOR DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT OR WASTER WATER (Maximum Permissible Limits)

1.	1,1,1, - trichloroethane	...	...	3.0 mg/l
2.	1,1,2, - dichloroethyene	...	...	0.2 mg/l
3.	1,1,2, - Trichloroethane	...	...	0.06 mg/l
4.	1,2 Dichloroethane	...	...	0.04 mg/l
5.	1,3 - dichloropropene	...	...	0.2 mg/l
6.	Aluminium	...	...	0.5 mg/l
7.	Ammonia Nitrogen	...	...	10 mg/l
8.	Arsenic	...	...	0.2 mg/l
9.	Barium	...	...	10 mg/l
10.	Benzene	...	...	0.2 mg/l
11.	BOD ₅	...	...	50 mg/l
12.	Boron	...	...	5 mg/l
13.	Cadmium	...	...	0.1 mg/l
14.	Calcium	...	...	100 mg/l
15.	Chloride	...	...	500 mg/l
16.	Chlorine	...	...	1 mg/l
17.	Chromium (total)	...	...	1.0 mg/l
18.	Chromium (VI)	...	...	0.05 mg/l
19.	Cis - 1,2 dichloroethylene	...	...	0.4 mg/l
20.	Cobalt	...	...	1.0 mg/l

21.	COD	...	...	100
22.	Coliform Organisms	...	...	10,000 counts/100 ml
23.	Colour	...	...	300 TCU
24.	Copper	...	...	1.0 mg/l
25.	Cyanide	...	...	0.1 mg/l
26.	Detergents	...	...	10 mg/l
27.	Dichloromethane	...	...	0.2 mg/l
28.	Iron	...	...	10 mg/l
29.	Lead	...	...	0.1 mg/l
30.	Magnesium	...	...	100 mg/l
31.	Manganese	...	...	1.0 mg/l
32.	Mercury	...	...	0.01 mg/l
33.	Nickel	...	...	1.0 mg/l
34.	Nitrate - N	...	...	20 mg/l
35.	Nitrite - N	...	...	2.0 mg/l
36.	Nitrogen total	...	...	10 mg/l
37.	Oil and Grease	...	...	10 mg/l
38.	pH	...	...	6.0- 8.0
39.	Phenols	...	...	0.2 mg/l
40.	Phosphate (total)	...	...	10 mg/l
41.	Phosphate (soluble)	...	...	5.0 mg/l
42.	Selenium	...	...	1.0 mg/l
43.	Silver	...	...	0.5 mg/l
44.	Sulphate	...	...	500 mg/l
45.	Sulphide	...	...	1.0 mg/l
46.	TDS	...	...	1200 mg/l
47.	Temperature	...	...	20-35°C
48.	Tetra Chloro ethylene	...	...	0.1 mg/l
49.	Tetrachloromethane	...	...	0.02 mg/l
50.	Tin	...	...	5 mg/l
51.	Total Suspended Solids	100 mg/l
52.	Trichloroethylene	0.3 mg/l
53.	Turbidity	300 NTU
54.	Zinc	5 mg/l

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