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THE PLASTIC WRAPPING REGULATIONS 1960

COBHAM, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 28th day of September 1960

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Health Act 1956, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Plastic Wrapping Regulations 1960.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1961.

2. (1) Except as provided in subclause (2) of this regulation, no person shall, in the course of any business, use, for the packing in connection with the sale or delivery or return to a customer of any commodity that is in domestic use, any wrapping in the form of a bag made of polyethylene or similar plastic material of a thickness 0.001 inch or less, unless there is conspicuously printed on the bag the following:

“DANGER – Keep away from small children. The film may cling to the face and prevent breathing.”

(2) This regulation shall not apply to any bag having a maximum opening less than 25 square inches.

3. Every person commits an offence, and shall be liable accordingly under sections 136 and 137 of the Health Act 1956, who uses any such wrapping in contravention of regulation 2 of these regulations.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations require that thin polyethylene or similar plastic bags, when used for wrapping commodities that are in domestic use, shall be marked to show that they can be dangerous to small children.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.