

**Ground Water (Amendment) Regulations 1996**

**GN No. 128 of 1996**

**THE GROUND WATER ACT**

**Regulations made by the Central Water Authority under section  
16 of the Ground Water Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Ground Water (Amendment) Regulations 1996.

2. In these regulations –

“principal regulations” means the Ground Water Regulations 1973.

3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended by inserting in their appropriate alphabetical places the following definitions–

“Act” means the Ground Water Act;

“licensee” means a person to whom a ground water licence has been issued under section 7 of the Act;

“use of ground water for agricultural purposes” means the use of ground water for the purpose of agriculture including irrigation, breeding of livestock, poultry rearing and camaron hatchery;

“use of ground water for domestic purposes” means the use of ground water for drinking, washing or cooking or for any other purpose of domestic life;

“use of ground water for industrial purposes” means the use of ground water for the purpose of manufacturing goods.

4. Regulation 5 of the “principal regulations” are repealed and replaced by the following regulation–

5. (1) Every licensee shall pay–

(a) in respect of the use of ground water of agricultural, domestic or industrial purposes, the annual licence fee specified in paragraph 1 of the Fourth schedule;

(b) in respect of the use of ground water for industrial purposes, the monthly charge specified in paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule.

(c) where he abstracts ground water for

agricultural purposes in excess of the monthly quantity he is authorised to abstract, the appropriate penalty specified in paragraph 3 of the Fourth Schedule.

(2) Any single claim for payment of such penalty as may be payable shall be in respect of a period of 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the making of the claim.

(3) Any penalty payable shall be paid within a period of 21 days of the date on which a claim is delivered at the official address of the licensee concerned.

(4) No fees, charges or penalty already paid shall be refunded.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (1) (c), "monthly quantity" means the daily quantity multiplied by 30.

5. The fourth Schedule to the principal regulations is repealed and replaced by the Schedule to these regulations.

6. (1) The fees specified in paragraph 1(b) and the penalties specified in paragraph 3, of the Fourth Schedule, shall be payable with effect from 1 January 1996.

(2) The fees specified in paragraph 1(c) and the monthly charges specified in paragraph 2, of the Fourth Schedule, shall be deemed to have been payable since 15 August 1992.

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