

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING OF VEGETABLE SELLERS IN IMPHAL

State: Manipur

Details of licensing are as follows

Vegetable sellers are regulated as per the directions of Manipur Municipalities Act 1976, Prevention of food Adulteration Act 1954 and the related byelaws framed under provisions of the Manipur Municipalities Act 1976. (Municipal license Byelaw named "The Municipalities/ Nagar Panchayats (Regulation of market) Model Bye-laws, 1998.)

Details are as follows:

In Imphal, "Vegetable seller" means a seller dealing with the edible vegetable and its products in Imphal, it includes fish sellers as well. A vendor license is required while to open a vegetable seller's market. There is no fixed number while to open a vegetable market. It depends upon big or small population of the existing market. As per the section 163 of the Manipur Municipalities Act 1976, No place shall be used for any of the purpose listed in the section in the limits fixed by the Municipal Board without a license. RTI reply of the municipal board says that vegetable sellers requires license.

Licensing Procedure:

The license can be obtained from the office of the Imphal Municipal Council on an application submitted for the same in the prescribed form along with the prescribed fees. The application need to be submitted to the executive officer. Manipur Municipalities Act says that the license shall not be withheld unless the board has the reason to believe that the business which is to be intended to establish would be offensive or dangerous or likely to create nuisance to the neighbours. The board based on the restrictions extends the provisions of the section to yards or depots for trade in coal, coke timber or wood.

Authority:

As per the RTI reply, In Imphal Municipal area office of the Imphal Municipal council is the supreme body regulating licenses and the executive officers of Imphal municipal council is the authority to issue the license.

Validity:

Regulations fix no time to issue licenses. The license issued will be valid for one year which is renewable annually.

Fees:

As per RTI reply, Rate of rents or fees which a council or panchayat may fix from time to time as it may deem fit within the range Rs.1.00 to 2 .00 per square metre per month.

License Renewal:

The license should be renewed every year. If delayed it is liable to be cancelled.

Penalty:

If any vendor is found doing a business without the license issued by the Imphal Municipal Council he/ she shall not be allowed to continue the business in the Municipal market.