

# **Prisons (Lock-ups) Regulations**

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#### **PART I**

#### **PRELIMINARY**

### **Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Prisons (Lock-ups) Regulations.

### **Definitions**

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

“Commissioner of Police” has the same meaning as in the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);

“prisoner” includes any person whether convicted or not who is confined in a lock-up.

#### **PART II**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

### **General charge and administration of lock-ups**

3.—(1) The general charge and administration of lock-ups and the control of police officers in charge of or attached to lock-ups shall be vested in the Commissioner of Police.

(2) The Commissioner of Police shall appoint by office a police officer to be the Chief Rehabilitation Officer of each lock-up.

(3) The Chief Rehabilitation Officer shall be responsible for the due observance of these Regulations.

### **Prisoners deemed to be in legal custody**

4. Every prisoner confined in a lock-up shall be deemed to be in the legal custody of the Chief Rehabilitation Officer thereof.

### **Condition of cells in lock-ups**

5.—(1) The cells in lock-ups shall be thoroughly inspected daily, whether occupied or not, to ensure that they are clean and that sanitary arrangements are in a satisfactory condition.

(2) The whole lock-up area shall be frequently washed out, and sleeping places and toilets shall be disinfected regularly.

### **Inspection of cells**

6. An officer shall be detailed daily by the Chief Rehabilitation Officer to carry out such inspection and to visit cells at least once each night to see that they are secure, to check the prisoners and to ensure that the lock-ups guards are alert at their posts.

### **Meals in lock-ups**

7. The officer detailed under regulation 6 shall see that —

- (a) meals are served regularly;
- (b) the food supplied is of good quality;
- (c) prisoners arriving irregularly are not left fasting for unreasonably long periods;
- (d) the prisoners are not in possession of unauthorised or dangerous articles;  
and
- (e) in bailable cases, release on bail is not unduly delayed.