

Local Order No. 54 of 1990

**Concerning Regulation and Licensing of Companies Operating in the
Agricultural Sector in the Emirate of Dubai**

We, Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Municipality

- Upon review of the powers vested in us by law pursuant to the Decree Establishing Dubai Municipality; and
- Decision of the financial and public objectives committees of the Municipal Council at its meeting held on 10/8/1989

We, the Chairman of the Municipality hereby issue the following Local Order:

Article (1):

This Local Order shall be called (Local Order Concerning Regulation and Licensing of Companies Operating in the Agricultural Sector in the Emirate of Dubai).

Article (2):

In applying the provisions of this Order the following words and terms shall have the meanings set forth against hem respectively:

1. Emirate: The Emirate of Dubai
2. Chairman: The Chairman of Dubai Municipality
3. Municipality: Dubai Municipality
4. Director: The Director of Dubai Municipality
5. Companies Operating in the Agricultural Sector: Entities or companies carrying on Agricultural Activities.
6. Agricultural Activities: The activities carried on in some/all agricultural fields such as: plants, nurseries, modern irrigation and others.
7. Nursery: A plot of land designated for multiplication / production of seeds and seedlings of vegetables, fruits, ornamental plants, forest plants and similar plants.
The Nursery may be designated for multiplication of more than one type or group of the various species.

Article (3):

A license must be obtained from the Municipality for carrying on agricultural activities in the Emirate. The license shall specify the licensed type of activity.

Article (4):

The fields of Agricultural Activities shall be divided into two main sections:

1. Plants and Nurseries
2. Modern irrigation equipment

Article (5):

More than one field of the activities set out in the previous Article may be carried on subject to having sufficient technical labor and space required for the same.

Article (6):

The functions of the activities shall be specified – without limitation – in accordance with the following:

1. Plants and Nurseries

Whose activities shall be to produce seeds and seedlings in trading quantities for sale purposes. They may be Nurseries with various production for multiplication of several types of seeds or seedlings of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, shade plants or forest plants, or Nurseries designated for production or multiplication of one type of the foregoing plants.

2. Modern irrigation equipment

Whose activities shall be defined in display, sale, installation, repair and maintenance of water tools, machines and equipment required for the various irrigation methods and the spare parts required for the same.

Article (7):

The following general provisions shall be fulfilled by Companies Operating in the Agricultural Sector:

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1. The technical staff shall have among their members a technician who is holder of bachelor degree with sufficient experience in the fields specified in Article (4) of the Order.
2. Companies operating in irrigation shall have maintenance unit with the necessary technical staff for installation, maintenance and repair works for tools, machines, equipment and water pumps necessary for irrigation and their spare parts.
3. Display and sale places and storage warehouses shall fulfill the health and technical conditions required for display and storage of the materials dealt with.

Article (8):

The owner of the Nursery shall observe the following conditions:

1. To clarify in the drawings submitted to the Municipality the area, location and boundaries of the Nursery and to ensure that the size of the fixed facilities, such as the management, stores, protected houses, greenhouses... etc. is proportionate with the size of the Nursery and the nature of the plants produced or multiplied in it.
2. To adopt the most advanced international methods for multiplication and first time production, specifically on graft or vegetative propagation, and to ensure harmony between originals and grafts and with the environment including soil, water... etc.
3. To plant every type within a specified area separately from the other according to the type and species of seedlings and the method of their multiplication.
4. To designate proper area for use as mother farm from which the necessary seeds, grafts and pickets.
5. To take care of the produced seedlings with respect to the quality of the vegetative growth and its proportionality with the root.
6. To take care of control of the agricultural pests which affect the Nursery plants immediately upon the occurrence thereof so that the Nursery shall not become a source of infection for the neighboring areas.

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7. To post a sign with the scientific name and the commercial name in Arabic and one foreign language for identifying the names of the plants offered for sale.
8. To surround the Nursery with a constructed wall, with plant fence or wind shield.
9. To keep the necessary records in accordance with the technical conditions and specifications, and the details usually kept in Nursery records.

Article (9):

On creating new fields in the Agricultural Activities, the provisions of Article 7 of the Order shall apply with adopting the most advanced technical and scientific methods for management of this activity.

The Director of the Municipality shall issue the resolution regulating such activity.

Article (10):

Engineering of the Agriculture Department of the Municipality, and the persons nominated by the Director of the Municipality for the purpose, shall have the right to oversee implementation of the provisions of this Order. To that end, they may enter the places licensed to carry on the activity, demand any papers or documents they consider relevant to the activity and record any violations to the Order and its Implementing Regulations.

Article (11):

Holders of licenses existing prior to issuance of the Order shall be given one year from the date on which the Order shall come into effect for amending their status in accordance with its provisions.

Article (12):

Subject to any more severe penalty provided for in any other laws or local orders, a person who violates the provisions of this Order or its Implementing Regulations shall be penalized by one of the penalties listed below, subject to application of the below penalties in order:

1. Warning.
2. Fine of not less than Dirhams 5000 and not more than Dirhams 15,000. The penalty shall be doubled in the case of repeating the violation.
3. Temporary closure for not more than one month.

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4. Cancellation of license.

The Director may issue a decision for confiscating and destruction of the seized items if necessary.

Article (13):

The Implementing Regulations shall be issued by resolution issued by the Director of the Municipality.

Article (14):

This Order shall come into effect as of the date of publication and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Chairman of Dubai Municipality