

RULES AND REHULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING OF VEGETABLE SELLERS IN SURAT

State: Gujarat

Details of licensing are as follows:

The Agriculture produce market committee (APMC) regulates the vegetable shops in Surat. In Surat the vegetable sales in the municipal market area is regulated as per the provisions of Bombay Provincial Municipal Corporation Act whereas the sales in municipal limit is controlled by the Agriculture produce market committee as per the Gujarat Agricultural produce markets Act 1963. Individual vendors are also controlled by the same act.

This is a co-operative organization. As per the Gujarat Agricultural produce markets Act 1963, the Director will declare the area for market area and that would publish in Official Gazette. The director will establish a market committee for every market area. No person can operate in the market are or any part of it except under the conditions of a license granted under the Act. Therefore, the sale in the area needs a license granted from the director of the APMC and this sale does not include the sale of articles by the producer.

Licensing Procedure:

The vegetable shops in Surat are regulated by the Agriculture produce market committee (APMC). Basically this is a co-operative organization. Any vegetable seller first should get license from APMC Surat. First the person has to fill the application form with mention category. Then the Officer will verify the details and issue license. This license is only for a year. Officer verifies form basic information, category, place, the item of sale etc. The person has to fill up the prescribed form in category wise. At the time of inspection, the inspector will be verifying that and there are no any other guidelines for inspection. But once in a week, the inspector visits the market area.

License Fees:

There are many categories for vegetable seller. The details are s follows:

Category	Licensing fees Annual
General commotion agent	200
Merchants	150
Shop in vegetable	50
Mobile vender (For larivele)	15
Mobile vender (for topala vala)	10
Special Mango seller	50

Renewal Procedure:

The license is given for only one year. This licence is given only one time for one year. Next year again, the trader has to renew the license with the same procedure for the new one. There are no separate renewal procedures.

Suspension or Cancel of License:

As per the Agricultural produce markets Act, the director can cancel or suspend a license based on the report of the market Committee. The committee can suspend or cancel the license if the license was obtain through misrepresentation or fraud, if the trader has committed any breach of byelaws or conditions of license, adjudgement of insolvency, commitment of offence under the act etc. The trader must given an opportunity for hearing. However, the reasons must be recorded. The act also gives power to director for inspection and he can seize the article if he has the reason to believe that an offence is being committed under the Act.

Penalty:

If any seller sells item without license first he/she must get license other wise the materials will be taken by APMC. The sale without license will result in a fine which can extend to Rs.500 for first offence, Rs.1000 for second offence and any subsequent offence will result in imprisonment which can extend to one month and fine which may extend to Rs.1000. These procedures are under 1963 Gujarat APM Act. Other than this, no penalty or fines exists.