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CHAPTER 91:04

SHOPS (CONSOLIDATION) ACT

33 of 1958

An Act to consolidate and amend the law to regulate the opening and closing hours of certain shops and the hours of work of shop assistants; to provide for the welfare of shop assistants; and to provide for other matters connected therewith.

[6TH DECEMBER, 1958]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Shops (Consolidation) Act.

Interpretation.
[10 of 1982
18 of 1997
15 of 2009]
c. 16:01

2. In this Act—

“division” means a police division within the meaning of the Police Act;

“member of the occupier’s family” means the occupier’s child, father, mother, brother, sister, wife or husband (as the case may be) and includes any person who is maintained by, and resides with, the occupier;

“occupier” means the holder of a licence in respect of a trade licence shop and includes the attorney, agent or manager of the holder and, in the case of a shop for which no licence has been taken out, the person found occupying or in charge of the shop;

“parlour”, “cookshop”, or “restaurant” means a shop in which are sold or exposed for sale only the articles of merchandise enumerated in the Third Schedule;

Third
Schedule.

“rural area” means any part of Guyana other than an urban area;

“shop” means any place or licensed premises as defined in section 2 of the Licensed Premises Act where any wholesale or retail trade or any business of any description is carried on or transacted and in respect of which a trade licence is required to be taken out under the provisions of any Tax Act for the time being in force, and includes a stall in any market in respect of which a trade licence would have been required to be taken out under the provisions of any Tax Act for the time being in force had the stall not been situated in the market, barbers’ and hairdressers’ establishments, restaurants, parlours and cookshops, but does not include—

- (a) any premises other than restaurants and parlours licensed for the sale and consumption on the premises of liquor; or
- (b) any bazaar in aid of any charitable, religious or public purpose;

“shop assistant” means any person wholly or mainly employed in or about a shop or about the business of a shop in connection with the service of customers or the receipt of orders or money or the receipt or despatch or delivery of goods but does not include any worker as defined in section 2 of the Labour (Conditions of Employment of Certain Workers) Act;

c. 99:03

“urban area” means the City of Georgetown and the town of New Amsterdam referred to in sections 3 and 25, respectively, of the Municipal and District Councils Act, and every town established under section 33 of that Act.

c. 28:01

Restriction of opening and closing hours of shops.
First Schedule.
[18 of 1997]

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of sections 8 and 17, no person shall open or keep open or permit to be kept open any shop for any purpose whatsoever except on the days and between the hours respectively set out in the First Schedule:

Provided that—

- (a) where in any area it appears either necessary or convenient for the service of the public that all shops in such area, or any specified shop or class of shops in such area should be permitted to open during hours other than those prescribed in the First Schedule, the Minister may by order prescribe other hours during which such shops or class of shops may be open, or he may, in the case of a rural area, by order exempt all shops or any specified shop or class of shops in such area from the operation of this section; and where any such order of exemption is made, no shop assistant shall, subject to sections 6 and 8, be employed in any shop to which the order relates for more than forty and three-quarter hours in any one week;
- (b) where in any area it appears either necessary or convenient—
 - (i) for the supplying of materials intended to be used for the repair or maintenance of ships; or
 - (ii) for the supplying of apparatus, fittings and material intended to be used for the repair or maintenance of any plant, machinery, apparatus, line or post which is used in relation to the generation, distribution or supply of electric current for

- c. 56:01 any public or private purpose under the authority of the Electricity Act or of any order made by the President under section 5 of the Electric Lighting Act; or
- c. 56:02
- (iii) for the supplying of apparatus, fittings and material intended to be used for the repair or maintenance of any plant, machinery, apparatus or other thing, or for supplying of medicine or medical equipment, which is used in relation to the provision of any of those services tendered by whomsoever to the public which are particularised in the Schedule to the Public Utility Undertakings and Public Health Services Arbitration Act,
- c. 54:01

First Schedule. that any specified shop or class of shops in such area should be permitted to be kept open before the opening hours or after the closing hours prescribed in the First Schedule, the Minister may, by order, prescribe that for the purposes specified in paragraph (i) (ii) or (iii) of this proviso the shop or class of shops specified in the order may be kept open after the closing hours specified in the First Schedule and may be opened at any time between the hours of closing and opening specified in the said Schedule, and where such an order is made shop assistants may be employed, for the purposes specified in the order at any time such shop or class of shops may be opened.

(2) Any order under this section shall have the same force and effect as if it were contained in this Act.

(3) It shall be a defence to any proceedings, in relation to any shop for contravention or failure to comply with the provisions of subsection (1), to prove that such shop was opened, or kept or permitted to be open, as the case may be, for the purposes provided in the Second Schedule or in accordance with section 8.

Second
Schedule.

4. (1) The occupier of a shop shall grant to every shop assistant a holiday of a continuous period of twenty-four hours on one day in every week and, in addition, shall grant to such shop assistant a half-holiday of a continuous period of twelve hours on another day in every week.

Weekly
holiday and
half holiday.
First Schedule.
c. 8:02
[18 of 1997]

(2) Both holiday and half-holiday may be taken together as one continuous period of thirty-six hours if the occupier of the shop and the shop assistant so agree.

(3) The holiday and half-holiday shall be determined by the occupier after consultation with the shop assistant and such determination shall take into consideration the shop assistant's day of worship:

Provided that any recognised union representing such shop assistant shall be notified of any such determination concerning the day of worship.

5. (1) Where different trades or businesses, in respect of which different hours for opening and closing apply, are carried on in the same premises, such premises shall be opened at the latest hour and closed at the earliest hour applicable to any of those trades or businesses unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the chief officer of police in the division and he gives a certificate to the occupier to the effect that he is satisfied that means are provided for the adequate partition or division of the premises into separate and distinct shops so as to ensure that the appropriate opening and closing hours of each trade or business can be effectively observed.

Provision as
respects shops
where more
than one
business is
carried on.

(2) If, at any time after a certificate has been given under the preceding subsection, the chief officer of police of the division considers that the premises or any part thereof have undergone such a change or that the means originally or then provided have proved or have become so insufficient that adequate partition or division of the premises into separate and distinct shops for the purpose aforesaid cannot be effected, he may cancel the certificate.

(3) A certificate given under subsection (1) shall not be cancelled unless the chief officer of police aforesaid notifies the occupier of his intention to cancel his certificate and gives him a reasonable time within which to effect such alterations or repairs to the premises as the chief officer may consider adequate.

Restriction of hours of employment of shop assistants. [18 of 1997]

6. Subject to sections 8 and 12, no occupier shall employ a shop assistant in or about a shop or about the business of a shop or permit him—

- (a) to remain within a shop whether in connection with the business of the shop or not at any time during which such shop is prohibited from being kept open; or
- (b) to be connected in any way with the business of the shop during the prohibited hours,

Second Schedule.

except for the purposes and during the periods of time set out in the Second Schedule.

Restriction on employment in more than one shop. [18 of 1997]

7. (1) An occupier of a shop shall not knowingly employ or continue to employ any person as a shop assistant if that person is already employed as a shop assistant in any other shop wherever situate so that the aggregate number of working hours of that person in such shops exceeds the hours of employment authorised under section 11(d);

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(2) An occupier of more shops than one shall not employ the same shop assistant in more than one of such shops so as to prevent the shop assistant from having a weekly holiday and half-holiday on the days such holiday are agreed upon under section 4.

Overtime.
[18 of 1997
15 of 2009]

First Schedule.

8. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act to the contrary, and subject to section 6, an occupier of a shop shall be permitted to employ a shop assistant in excess of the hours prescribed in the First Schedule, but so that no shop assistant shall be so employed for more than two hours in any one day or twenty hours in any one month in excess of the hours prescribed.

(2) [Repealed by Act No. 18 of 1997]

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an occupier of a shop shall pay to a shop assistant wages at the rate prescribed by subsection (4) in respect of any time worked during any of the periods, mentioned in the First Schedule in excess of seven and one-quarter hours per day.

(4) The rate of wage payable to a shop assistant in respect of any period of time in excess of the normal hours shall be one and a half times the rate of wage received by the shop assistant.

(5) The occupier of a shop shall keep a register of wages which shall be in a form approved in writing by the Chief Labour Officer and in which shall be recorded the number of hours worked by each shop assistant and the wages paid to each shop assistant, and such other particulars as the Chief Labour Officer may from time to time prescribe.

Meal intervals.
[18 of 1997]

9. The occupier of a shop shall on each working day other than on the half-holiday agreed upon under section 4, allow to each shop assistant who has worked for four

consecutive hours since the commencement of his shift, an interval from work of at least one and one-quarter hours for lunch or dinner as the case may be and, during any extension of the daily normal hours of work of a shop assistant authorised under this Act, an additional quarter of an hour during such extended hours.

Seats for shop assistants

10. (1) The occupier of a shop shall provide for the sole use of shop assistants seating accommodation behind the counter, or, where no counter exists, in such other positions as may be suitable, and such seats shall be in the proportion of not less than one seat to every three shop assistants employed in each room:

Provided that there shall be at least one seat in each such room.

(2) It shall be the duty of the occupier to inform such shop assistants that seats are provided for their sole use by posting in a conspicuous position in the shop a notice in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule.

Fourth Schedule

Other provisions applicable to shops [18 of 1997]

11. The occupier of a shop—

- (a) shall cause to be permanently affixed on the outer wall of the shop in a conspicuous position so as to be visible whether the shop is opened or closed a notice showing clearly the opening and closing hours of the shop on the several business days;
- (b) shall cause to be kept in the shop a list signed by him showing the names and addresses and hours of employment of every shop assistant, and such list shall be opened to the inspection of every such shop assistant;

- (c) shall, at the request of any officer of the Department of Labour, produce such list and afford him every facility for verifying the correctness of the particulars therein set out; and
- (d) subject to section 8, shall not permit a shop assistant to work in the shop for an aggregate period exceeding seven and one-quarter hours on any day or forty and three quarter hours in any week.

Special provisions applicable to drug stores. First Schedule. Second Schedule. [18 of 1997]

12. The First Schedule and the Second Schedule shall apply to drug stores:

Provided that—

- (a) for the purposes only of dispensing prescriptions or selling drugs, medicines or medical appliances for the use of any sick person or animal the hours of opening of drug stores shall be unlimited but in any such case no shop assistant shall be employed therein for an aggregate period exceeding seven and one-quarter hours in any day or forty and three-quarter hours in any week; and
- (b) the occupier of a drug store shall keep a register in a form approved by the Chief Labour Officer showing the hours of work of each shop assistant and such other information as the Chief Labour Officer may from time to time prescribe.

Provisions as to sanitary and other arrangements. [15 of 2009]

13. (1) In every part of a shop in which shop assistants are employed—

- (a) suitable and sufficient means of

[18 of 1997]

ventilation shall be provided and maintained; and

- (b) suitable and sufficient means of lighting shall be provided and every such part of a shop shall be kept suitably and sufficiently lighted.

(2) In every shop there shall be provided and maintained at suitable points conveniently accessible to all shop assistants an adequate supply of wholesome potable water and the vessels containing the water shall be clearly marked with the words "Drinking Water".

(3) Where shop assistants take any meals in the shop, there shall be provided and maintained suitable and sufficient facilities for the taking of those meals.

(4) In every shop there shall be provided and maintained for the use of the shop assistants suitable and sufficient accommodation for clothing not worn during working hours, with separate accommodation where male and female shop assistants are employed.

(5) In every shop, not being a shop exempted from the provisions of this subsection, there shall be provided and maintained for the use of the shop assistants suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences and suitable and sufficient washing facilities.

(6) A shop shall be exempted from the provisions of subsection (5) if there is in force a certificate granted by the appropriate authority exempting that shop therefrom, and any such certificate shall remain in force until it is withdrawn by the authority, but no such certificate shall be granted with respect to any shop unless the authority is satisfied that by reason of restricted accommodation or other special circumstances affecting the shop it is reasonable that such a certificate should be in force with respect thereto, and that

suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences or washing facilities, as the case may be, are otherwise conveniently available, and, subject as hereinafter provided, a certificate in force with respect to any shop shall be withdrawn if the authority at any time ceases to be so satisfied as aforesaid:

Provided that, if the occupier of a shop is aggrieved by the withdrawal of such a certificate, he may appeal to the magistrate's court for the district in which the shop is situated and that court may make such order concerning the certificate as appears to the court, having regard to the matters aforesaid, to be just and equitable.

18 of 1997

(7) If it appears to the appropriate authority that there has been, in the case of any shop, a contravention of any of the provisions of this section, the authority shall, by notice served on the occupier of the shop, require him to take, within such time as may be limited by the notice such action as may be specified in the notice for the purpose of securing compliance with the said provision, and, if any person served with such a notice fails to comply with the requirements thereof, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of seven thousand, five hundred dollars, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction in respect of the same requirement, to a fine of twelve thousand, five hundred dollars or seven hundred and fifty dollars for every day since the first conviction in respect of that requirement, whichever is the greater:

Provided that it shall be a defence to any proceedings under this subsection to prove that there was no contravention of this section or that the requirements of any such notice as aforesaid were, within a reasonable time after service of the notice, complied with in so far as they were necessary to secure compliance with this section.

(8) In this section—

“suitable and sufficient” means suitable and sufficient in the

opinion of the appropriate authority, having regard to the circumstances and conditions affecting a shop or any part of a shop; and

“appropriate authority” means the authority whose duty it is to enforce this section.

Apportionment
of expenses.

14. If any occupier of a shop who has incurred or is about to incur any expense for the purpose of securing that the requirements of the last foregoing section are complied with respect to the shop, alleges that the whole or any part of the expense ought to be borne by any other person having an interest in the premises, he may apply to the magistrate’s court for the district in which the shop is situated and that court may make such order concerning the expense or its apportionment as appears to the court, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including the terms of any contract between the parties, to be just and equitable, and any order made under this section may direct that any such contract as aforesaid shall cease to have effect in so far as it is inconsistent with the terms of the order.

Enforcement.
[18 of 1997]

15. (1) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Police to enforce or cause to be enforced the provisions of this Act relating to the hours of opening and closing of shops and prohibited sales.

(2) It shall be the duty—

- (a) in an urban area, of the local authority thereof; and
- (b) in a rural area, of the Central Board of Health,

as part of their duties under the Public Health Ordinance, to enforce or cause to be enforced the provisions of section 13 of this Act and any officer of that authority and any member or officer of the Board shall for the purposes of his powers and

duties have in relation to shops all the powers conferred on such members and officers by section 140 of that Act and that section and sections 149 and 153 of the same Act shall apply accordingly.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Chief Labour Officer to enforce or cause to be enforced the provisions of this Act relating to shop assistants, their wages, and hours of work, and any officer of the Department of Labour may appear in a court of law and conduct all prosecutions on behalf of the Chief Labour Officer:

Provided that a prosecution in respect of the matters referred to in this subsection may be instituted by any person with the previous sanction of the Chief Labour Officer.

Prohibition of
sale of certain
goods at certain
times.
[18 of 1997]

16. (1) Anything to the contrary in any Act notwithstanding, any person who sells or exposes or offers for sale in any place other than a shop any goods of any description at any time or on any day during which a shop in that area or place is by this Act forbidden to be open for the sale of goods of a like description shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten thousand, five hundred:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit a sale for any charitable, religious or public purpose or a private sale by a person not engaged in the sale of goods as a trade or business or a sale at auction of private effects by a duly licensed auctioneer.

(2) Any goods exposed for sale in contravention of subsection (1) may be seized by any police constable and shall be liable and leivable for the amount of the fine and costs imposed for contravention of the said subsection and, in default of payment thereof by the offender upon conviction, shall be sold by an order of the magistrate, and, if the proceeds of the sale are not sufficient for the payment of the fine and costs, the offender shall be liable for the amount unsatisfied and payment therefor shall be recoverable as in

Cap. 145
1953 ed.

this Act provided.

Exemptions.
[3 of 1977
18 of 1997]

17. Nothing in this Act shall extend to—

- (a) the sale at any time and on any day of any provisions, stores, fuel, or other supplies for the use of any vessel anchored in the territorial or inland waters of Guyana, on the written order of the captain or chief officer or the local agent of such vessel, and subject to compliance with the custom laws; or
- (b) the sale at any time and on any day of any article required for the burial of the dead or for any sick person or animal when the seller thereof has reasonable ground for believing such article to be required for any of those purposes; or
- (c) the sale at any time and on any day of fresh milk or ice and the delivery of yeast for baking purposes; or
- (d) the sale of bread, cake, fresh meat, fresh fish, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables or non-alcoholic beverages on any public holiday and at any hour on any other day; or
- (e) the sale at any time and on any day of any newspaper published in Guyana; or
- (f) the sale at any time and on any day at petrol filling stations, motor vehicle and repair service stations, of petroleum, lubricants and accessories required for the repair of, or use in, any motor vehicle; or
- (g) the sale at any time and on any day in any

cookshop of food cooked therein; or

- (h) the sale, after the closing hours, of tobacco, matches, table waters, sweets, chocolates or other sugar confectionery or ice cream, at any time during the performance in any theatre, cinematograph theatre, music hall, or other similar place of entertainment so long as the sale is to a *bona fide* member of the audience and in a part of the building to which no other members of the public have access; or
- (i) the delivery of goods:

Provided that the occupier of any shop—

- (i) in the foregoing cases shall conform to the requirements of section 11(b) and (c);
- (ii) in the foregoing cases, except as mentioned in paragraph (f) shall conform to the requirements of section 11(d).

18. [Repealed by Act No. 18 of 1997]

Penalty and procedure where persons found in shops during closed hours.
[18 of 1997]

19. (1) If any person is found in a shop within any period of time during which business cannot be lawfully transacted therein or during which it is by this Act required to be closed or prohibited from being open, the occupier of the shop and any other person or persons actually in charge of the shop and also the person found therein shall be liable on summary conviction—

- (a) in the case of the occupier and other person in charge, to a fine not less than five thousand, three hundred

dollars and not exceeding ten thousand, five hundred dollars, and

- (b) in the case of the person found therein, to a fine not less than one thousand, five hundred dollars and not exceeding five thousand, three hundred dollars:

Provided that it shall be a defence to any proceedings under this subsection to prove that the person so found was there as a member of the occupier's family, or as his servant (other than a shop assistant employed by him) or as a friend being entertained by the occupier or other person in charge of the shop or was in the shop for some lawful purpose.

(2) Any police constable may demand the name and address of any person found in a shop during the period of time aforesaid and, if he has reasonable ground to suspect that the name or address given is false, may require evidence of the correctness of such name and address, and may, if such person fails upon such demand to give his name or address, or evidence of the correctness of the name or address so given apprehend him without warrant and take him as soon as practicable before a magistrate.

(3) Any person who, when so required by a police constable to give his name and address, fails to give the same or gives a false name or address, or produces false evidence with respect to such name or address, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of two thousand, eight hundred dollars.

Liability of proprietor for breach of Act by members of his family.

20. (1) The occupier of a shop shall be, and he is hereby declared to be, penally liable for the breach of any provision of this Act by any member of his family or by any person employed, whether temporarily or permanently, in or about the shop or in or about any room or place thereto attached and belonging, in the same manner and as fully as if

he himself had committed the breach.

(2) Any member of the occupier's family or any person employed by the occupier may be examined as a witness for or against the occupier on any charge brought against him under this Act, and, if so examined, shall not himself thereafter be liable to any charge in respect of that breach.

Proceedings in case of breach of provisions of Act.

21. Where by this Act the occupier of a shop is made liable to a fine in respect of any act or omission and a charge is preferred alleging that act or omission, the following proceedings shall be lawful:

- (a) the summons may be served in the manner permitted by law, or by leaving it with any person who is apparently a clerk or servant found on the premises or, if that person cannot be found, by affixing the summons in a conspicuous manner to the outer door or outer wall of the premises;
- (b) where the occupier is not at the time present within Guyana, his attorney or agent may appear at the hearing of the charge on his behalf; and
- (c) where the occupier is not at the time present within Guyana, either at the time of the act or omission charged or at the time when the summons is served, the magistrate, on being satisfied as to the service of the summons as hereinbefore authorised, shall proceed to investigate the matter of the charge, whether an attorney or agent appears for the occupier or not, and, if the act or omission is proved, may order the fine to be paid and to be levied by distress upon the goods of the occupier.

Onus of proof
in certain cases.

22. In any prosecution against the occupier of a shop for the breach of any of the provisions of this Act relating to shop assistants, if the defendant claims that the person alleged to be a shop assistant is not a shop assistant, the onus of proving that such person is not a shop assistant shall be on the defendant.

Penalties.
[18 of 1997]

23. (1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of section 3, 6, 7, 8, section 11(d) or section 12 shall be liable on summary conviction, in the case of a first conviction to a fine of not less than four hundred dollars and not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars, in the case of a second conviction to a fine of not less than five thousand, three hundred dollars and not more than ten thousand, five hundred dollars, and in the case of a third or subsequent conviction to a fine of not less than twenty-eight thousand dollars and not exceeding fifty-two thousand, five hundred dollars, respectively;

(2) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the other provisions of this Act for which no special penalty is provided shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Prosecutions
and recovery
of fines.

24. All complaints under this Act may be prosecuted and fines recovered in the manner provided by the Summary Jurisdiction Acts.

Saving.
Cap. 118
1953 Ed.

25. Notwithstanding the repeal of the Shops Ordinance—

- (a) any register kept by, or under the authority of, the Commissioner of Police under that Ordinance may continue to be kept and in such case shall be deemed to be kept under this Act;
- (b) all Orders in Council, and Orders, save and except the Shops Hours (Special

Provision)(Kitty) Order and the Shop Assistants (Markets) Order shall continue to be of full force and effect as though they were made under this Act.

sec. 3
[15 of 2009]

FIRST SCHEDULE

DAYS AND HOURS BETWEEN WHICH CERTAIN SHOPS
MAY BE KEPT OPEN

The days on which and the hours between which shops restaurants, parlours, cookshops, barbers' and hairdressers' establishments may be opened and kept open shall be as follows:

1. SHOPS

Every day – 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 pm.

2. RESTAURANTS AND COOKSHOPS

24 hours per day.

3. PARLOURS, BARBERS' AND HAIRDRESSERS'
ESTABLISHMENTS

Every day – 6.00 a.m. to midnight.

s. 6
[18 of 1997]

SECOND SCHEDULE

EMPLOYMENT OF SHOP ASSISTANTS BEYOND THE TIME

1. URBAN AREAS

The purposes for which and the periods of time during which shop assistants may be employed beyond the time specified in the First Schedule are as follows—

Purposes time	Periods of time
1. Where serving customers who were in the shop before the closing hour	Not exceeding half an hour.
2. Where despatching or delivering orders received before the closing hour—	Not exceeding half an hour.
3. Checking and balancing cash	Not exceeding half an hour.

s. 2

THIRD SCHEDULE

ARTICLES SOLD IN CERTAIN SHOPS

(The articles of merchandise which may be sold in restaurants, parlours and cookshops)

Aerated waters	coffee
arrowroot	confectionery
biscuits	food cooked on the premises
bread	fruits and fruit juices
cakes	ice
candles	ice cream
cheese	malt liquor
cigarettes	matches
cigars	milk (fresh)
cocoa	tea
wine	wine (including the liquor known as falernum

s. 10(2)

FOURTH SCHEDULE

FORM OF NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that seats are provided in this shop for the sole use of shop assistants and that such shop assistants are expected to make reasonable use of them.

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

SHOP HOURS (SPECIAL PROVISION) ORDER

made under section 3

- Citation. 1. This Order may be cited as the Shop Hours (Special Provision) Order.
- Exemption.
[O.27/1959] 2. Stalls in markets in all rural areas are exempted from the operation of section 3 of the Act.
- Shops in urban
markets.
[O.65/1959]
First Schedule. 3. Notwithstanding the hours prescribed in the First Schedule to the Act, the shops in urban markets are permitted to remain open during such hours as the market remains open but no shop assistant shall be employed in any shop to which this order relates for more than forty and three-quarters hours in any one week.
- Shops in urban
areas.
[O.30/1975]
First Schedule. 3A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the First Schedule to the Act, the hours between which shops (other than restaurants, parlours, cookshops and barbers' and hairdressers' establishments) in urban areas may be opened and kept on Tuesday, 25th March, 1975 shall be 7.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
- Hours of
opening. 4. Without prejudice to the other provisions of the Act, but subject to this Order, the shops designated in Part A of each Schedule are permitted to open during the hours prescribed in Part B of that Schedule.
- Application
Schedule 5. The provisions contained in Part C of any Schedule apply to the shops designated in Part A of that Schedule.

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SCHEDULE 1

PART A

ALL SHOPS at Cromarty, Corentyne, Berbice.

PART B

(Hours, during which shops may be open)

(a) Mondays, Tuesdays, 6.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Thursdays and Fridays 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

(b) Wednesdays and Public
Holidays 6.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

(c) Saturdays and Christmas 6.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Eve 3.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m..

SCHEDULE 2

O.36/1973

PART A

ALL SHOPS (OTHER THAN restaurants, parlours, cookshops and barbers' and hairdressers' establishments) in the Whim/Bloomfield area situate in the County of Berbice, bounded on the north by the Atlantic Ocean, on the south by the extremity of the third depth of Whim, and its prolongation west-wards, on the east by the common boundary between Lancaster and Whim, and its prolongation southwards, and on the west by the common boundary between Bloomfield and John, and its prolongation southwards.

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

(a) Mondays, Tuesdays, 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Thursdays and Fridays 3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

(b) Wednesdays and Public
Holidays 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.,

(c) Saturdays and 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Christmas Eve 3.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.

SCHEDULE 3

O. 6/1967

PART A

ALL SHOPS at Rose Hall Village in the Corentyne, on the east sea coast of the County of Berbice, bounded on the north by the Atlantic Ocean, on the south by State lands held by the proprietors of Plantation Albion, under Licence No. 2,719 on the east by Plantation Port Mourant, and on the west by Plantation Williamsburg.

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

(a) Mondays, Tuesdays, 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Thursdays and Fridays 3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

(b) Wednesdays and Public
Holidays 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.,

(c) Saturdays and Eve 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Christmas 3.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.

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SCHEDULE 4

O. 34/1951

PART A

The Commissary Ration Store of the Berbice Company Limited at Kwakwani, Berbice.

PART B

(Hours during which store may be open)

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| (a) Mondays to Thursdays | 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. |
| (b) Fridays | 7.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., |
| Saturdays | 8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. |
| (c) Public Holidays | 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. |
| Christmas Eve | 7.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. |

PART C

The Company shall not employ any shop assistant in or about its business for aggregate periods exceeding eight hours in any day or forty-seven hours in any week.

SCHEDULE 5

O.18/1955

PART A

THE SHOP of the Berbice Mining Enterprises at Kwakwani, Berbice River.

PART B

(Hours during which shop may be open)

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|---|---|
| (a) Mondays, Wednesdays,
Fridays and Saturdays | 7.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. |
| (b) Tuesdays and Thursdays | 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. |
| (c) Public Holidays | 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. |
| (d) Christmas Eve | 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. |

O.62/1962

SCHEDULE 6**PART A**

ALL SHOPS at the Ituni Townsite situated on the Demerara-Berbice watershed near the source of Ituni River, on the left bank of the Berbice River, being the area known as Ituni Townsite (165 acres) and defined in the State Land Lease No. A5636.

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

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|---|---|
| (a) Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays | 8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
3.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. |
| (b) Wednesdays and
Public Holidays | 8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. |
| (c) Saturdays and
Christmas Eve | 8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
3.30 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. |

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SCHEDULE 7

PART A

ALL SHOPS (OTHER THAN restaurants, parlours, cookshop and barbers' and hairdressers' establishments) in that area at Mahaicony situate on the western side of the Mahaicony river and bounded on the east by the aforesaid river and on all other sides by an imaginary line being the arc of a circle having a radius of 800 yards with its centre at the western end of the Mahaicony railway bridge.

PART B

(Hours between which shops may be open)

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|---|---|
| (a) Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays | 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m |
| (b) Wednesdays and Public
Holidays | 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., |
| (c) Saturdays and
Christmas Eve | 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. |

O.68/1959

SCHEDULE 8

PART A

ALL SHOPS (OTHER THAN restaurants, parlours, cookshops and barbers' and hairdressers' establishments) in that area at Mahaica situate on the western side of the Mahaica river and bounded on the east by the aforesaid river and on all other sides by an imaginary line being the arc of a circle having a radius of 800 yards with its centre at the western end of the Public Road bridge across the Mahaica river.

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

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|---|---|
| (a) Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays | 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. |
| (b) Wednesdays and Public
Holidays | 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., |
| (c) Saturdays and
Christmas Eve | 7.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. |

O.31/1959
92/1959**SCHEDULE 9****PART A**

ALL SHOPS (OTHER THAN restaurants, parlours, cookshops and barbers' and hairdressers' establishments) in that portion of the East Coast of the County of Demerara bounded as follows—

On the north by the Atlantic Ocean;

On the south by the East Demerara Water Supply Canal ;

On the east by the common boundary between Friendship Village on the East Coast of the County of Demerara and Plantation Vigilance and its prolongation in a straight line to the East Demerara Water Supply Canal;

On the west by the common boundary between Plantation Kitty and Plantation Blygezight (part of Plantation Bel Air cum annexis and the Lamaha Canal);

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Excluding the area known as Annandale.

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

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|---|---|
| (a) Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays | 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. |
| (b) Wednesdays and Public
Holidays | 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. |
| (c) Saturdays and Christmas
Eve | 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
1.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. |
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SCHEDULE 10

PART A

ALL SHOPS at Annandale, in that portion of the East Coast of the County of Demerara described in Part A OF Schedule 8

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

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|---|---|
| (a) Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays | 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
3 p.m. to 7 p.m. |
| (b) Wednesdays and Public
Holidays | 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. |
| (c) Saturdays and Christmas
Eve | 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
2.30 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. |
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O.21/1946

SCHEDULE 11**PART A**

ALL SHOPS other than restaurants and parlours in the Lodge Village District as defined in a Notice published in the *Gazette* of the 27th May, 1905, at page 1588.

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

Weekdays, other than Public Holidays and half-holidays	7.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Half-holiday	7.30 a.m. to 12 noon
The day following Good Friday	7.30 am to 12 noon

Provided that –

- (a) During the Christmas period the hours shall be
- (i) for the first seven working days of this period (other than the weekly half-holiday) 7.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - (ii) for the second seven working days of this period 7.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - (iii) on Christmas Eve and on the Saturday preceding Christmas Eve when the latter days falls on a Sunday 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- (b) On public holidays (other than the day following Good Friday) provision shops and groceries paying a

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licence duty of or under \$70 per annum may open and keep open between the hours of 6.30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

- (b) Where a public holiday falls on a Monday, provision shops and groceries paying a licence duty of or under \$70 per annum may remain open for an additional hour on the Saturday immediately preceding the Monday, except where the Saturday is the day following Good Friday.

PART C

The following provisions of the Act, namely, section 4 (which relates to the weekly half-holiday), section 7 (which relates to the restriction on employment in more than one shop) and section 8 (which relates to the luncheon interval) shall have effect as if this area were an urban area.

O.33/1944

SCHEDULE 12

PART A

All Barbers' Shops at Linden, Demerara.

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

- (a) Subject to (b), Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- (b) Subject to (c), Wednesdays and Public Holidays 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
- (c) Christmas Eve 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PART C

Barbers shall not employ any shop assistant in or about their premises at Linden for aggregate periods exceeding eight hours in any day or forty- seven hours in any week.

O.21/1960

SCHEDULE 13

PART A

ALL SHOPS of A. Choo Kang and Company, Limited at Linden and Ituni, Demerara River.

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

(a) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	6.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m
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(b) Wednesdays and Public Holidays	6.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
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(c) Saturdays and on Christmas Eve	6.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.
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SCHEDULE 14

PART A

ALL RATION STORES of Guyana Stores Limited at Linden and Ituni, Demerara River.

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PART B

(Hours during which stores may be open)

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| (a) Subject to (b), Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays and
Saturdays | 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. |
| (b) Subject to (c), Wednesdays and
Public Holidays | 8 a.m. to 12 noon. |
| (c) Christmas Eve | 4p.m. to 8p.m. |

PART C

The Company shall not employ any shop assistant in or about its business for aggregate periods exceeding eight hours in any day or forty-seven hours in any week.

O.61/1962

SCHEDULE 15

PART A

ALL SHOPS (EXCEPT the Shop of the Singer Sewing Company) in the Linden area situate on the right bank of the Demerara River commencing from the Kara-Kara River and extending up the left bank of the Kara-Kara River to the Shibaru Creek thence up the left bank of the Shibaru Creek to its source and thence in a straight line due west to the right bank of the Demerara River at Three Friends.

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PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

(a) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. 3.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
(b) Wednesdays and Public Holidays	8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
(c) Saturdays and Christmas Eve	8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.

O.20/1960

SCHEDULE 16**PART A**

SHOP of the Singer Sewing Company at Linden, Demerara.

PART B

(Hours during which shop may be open)

(a) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
(b) Wednesday	8.00 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.
(c) Saturdays	8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

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SCHEDULE 17

PART A

THE SHOP of J. P. Santos and Company Limited at Diamond,
Pomeroon River, Essequibo.

PART B

(Hours during which shop may be open)

(a) Mondays, Tuesdays, 6.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Wednesdays and Fridays 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

(b) Thursdays and Public
Holidays 6.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

(c) Saturdays and Christmas
Eve 6.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

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SCHEDULE 18

PART A

ALL SHOPS (OTHER THAN restaurants, parlours, and
cookshops, barbers' and hairdressers' establishments) at
Morawhanna, North West District.

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

Monday 7.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m

Tuesdays and Wednesdays	8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Thursdays	8.00 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Fridays and Public Holidays	7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
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Saturdays and Christmas Eve	7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
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O.39/1961

SCHEDULE 19**PART A**

ALL SHOPS situate in the North West Amerindian District as described in the North West Amerindian District Order 1953 (No. 59/1953).

PART B

(Hours during which shops may be open)

(a) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
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(b) Wednesdays and Public Holidays	7.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.
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(c) Saturdays and Christmas Eve	7.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
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SCHEDULE 20

PART A

The Shop of Guyana Stores Limited of Lima, Essequibo.

PART B

(Hours during which shop may be open)

- (a) Subject to Section 17(c), (d) and (e) of Chapter 91:04, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 7.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
 - (b) Subject to Section 17(c) and (d) of Chapter 91:04, Saturdays 7.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon
 - (c) Christmas Eve and on the Saturday preceding Christmas Eve when the latter day falls on a Sunday 7.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
 - (d) The first seven working days during the Christmas period 7.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
 - (e) The day before Good Friday 7.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
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