

TITLE 21: (CONTROL OF MILLS) BYE-LAWS, 2017

In exercise of the powers conferred on the OFFINSO MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY (hereinafter called ‘‘the Assembly’’) by section 181 of the Local Governance Act. 2016 (Act 936) these Bye-Laws are hereby made:

1. *Persons to obtain licenses*

(1) No person shall keep a mill within the area of authority of the OFFINSO MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY (hereafter referred to as the ‘Assembly’) unless he obtains a license issued by the Assembly for that purpose.

(2) A license issued by the Assembly shall expire on the 31st December of the year which it is issued.

2. *Fees*

A fee fixed by resolution of the Assembly shall be paid to the Assembly in respect of a license issued by it.

3. *Infectious diseases*

No owner or person in charge of a mill shall allow any person suffering from any infectious or contagious diseases to enter any premises of a mill.

4. *Structure not to be used as dwelling house*

No person shall use a building erected for a mill as a dwelling house.

5. *Cleanliness*

The owner or person in charge of a mill shall keep the premises in clean condition, and shall brush, sweep or otherwise clean away all dirt and rubbish thereof at the end of the day’s work.

6. *Hours of operation*

Any mill for which a license has been issued under these Bye-laws shall operate between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm on each day of operation.

7. Obstruction

No person shall obstruct or resist any officer or other person authorized by the Assembly acting or purporting to act in the performance of his duties to any of these Bye-laws.

8. Offence

(1) Any person who contravenes any provision of these Bye-laws shall be liable on conviction to a fine between **100-250 penalty units** payable to Offinso Municipal Assembly or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months.

(2) The Assembly may withdraw the license of any person who makes any alteration to any building licensed under these Bye-laws without the approval of the Assembly.

9. Interpretation

In these Bye-laws unless under the context otherwise requires – ‘mills’ means any building fitted with machinery for the purpose of grinding corn, millet, cassava, vegetables, palm nuts, vegetables, or where flour is mixed.

10. Application

These Bye-laws shall be applicable within the area of authority of the Assembly.

11. Revocation

Any bye-laws on **Control of mills** in existence in the area of authority of the Assembly before the coming into force of these bye-laws are hereby revoked.