



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1975

NEW YEAR'S DAY A STATUTORY HOLIDAY FOR WORKERS *****

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THURSDAY (JANUARY 1, 1976) IS ONE OF THE SIX STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. PRICE EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED NOT ONLY TO INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO TO EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH AND ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. AND THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIM 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE BEFORE GIVING HIM AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITH 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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DOG-OWNERS URGED TO HAVE PETS INOCULATED

DOG-OWNERS MUST HAVE THEIR PETS INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS AND MUST RENEW THE DOG LICENCES EVERY YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT DOGS OVER THE AGE OF THREE MONTHS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE LICENSED AND INOCULATED, AND WHILE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE DOGS MUST BE PERIODICALLY INOCULATED AGAIN, THEY MUST ALSO BE RE-LICENSED EACH YEAR.

THIS CAN BE DONE AT ANY OF THE FOUR GOVERNMENT KENNELS AT VICTORIA ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AT SUNG WONG TOI ROAD IN KOWLOON, AND AT SHA TIN AND SHEK WU HUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN LICENSING AND INOCULATION CENTRES ARE RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF DOG-OWNERS. SEVEN OF THEM ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR IN KOWLOON AND FOUR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+LICENSING AND INOCULATION FACILITIES ARE ALSO PROVIDED ON SPECIFIED DAYS AT A NUMBER OF PLACES SUCH AS KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS IN URBAN AREAS, AND RURAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

INOCULATION IS PROVIDED FREE. THE ANNUAL LICENCE FEES ARE \$15 FOR A DOG IN THE URBAN AREAS OR ON A LOCAL VESSEL AND \$5 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED DOG-OWNERS THAT THEY MUST REPORT TO THE POLICE IF THEIR DOGS BITE ANYONE.

THIS IS REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN THE DETECTION OF ANY RABIES OUTBREAK SO THAT EARLY PRECAUTIONS CAN BE TAKEN.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT AND THE REQUIREMENT TO HAVE DOGS INOCULATED AND LICENSED MAY RESULT ON CONVICTION IN A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PAY YOUR TAXES BY POST
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO PAY THEIR TAXES BY POST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE SETTling THEIR TAX BILLS.

+BY PAYING THROUGH THE POST, YOU CAN SAVE A TRIP TO ONE OF THE COLLECTION OFFICES AND AVOID THE INCONVENIENCE OF QUEUING UP THERE,+ HE SAID.

LAST YEAR ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE MADE USE OF THE POST TO PAY THEIR TAXES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THERE IS NO SURCHARGE IF THE PAYMENTS ARE RECEIVED LATE SO LONG AS THE ENVELOPE IS POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN THE DUE DATE SHOWN IN THE DEMAND NOTE.

+CHEQUES MUST BE SENT WITH THE DEMAND NOTES, WHICH WILL BE RECEIPTED AND POSTED BACK TO THE TAXPAYER WITHIN TWO TO THREE DAYS.+

REMINDERS WOULD NOT BE ISSUED, HE ADDED.

CROSSED CHEQUES SHOULD BE SENT TO:

COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE,
CENTRAL MAIL OFFICE,
CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
HONG KONG.

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