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(1-33)****Rule No. 1**

Taking into account the rules and provisions contained in the special laws, The provisions of this law regarding the environment, which is designed to protect sources and polluting factors, and stop the degradation by putting the necessary plans and policies to keep them from the harmful effects of the activities that lead to damage to human health and crops , marine wildlife, and other natural resources, climate, and the implementation of these plans and policies and to take all actions and appropriate measures to stop the deterioration of the environment, and to prevent or combat environmental pollution in all its forms and reduce it for the benefit of present and .future generations through the achievement of sustainable development goals

**Rule No. 2**

In applying the provisions of this Act, the following words and phrases have the meanings set opposite each of them: 1. environmental device: the competent authority the affairs of the Ministry of Housing, Municipalities and Environment environment. 2. Environment: biosphere, which includes living organisms, from humans and animal, plant, and all that surrounds it from the air, water and soil, and the addition solid or liquid, or gaseous, or different forms of energy, and any fixed or mobile facilities, hosted by the human or operates. 3. Environmental protection: is the preservation of the environment and upgradable and prevent or mitigate pollution and maintain their durability. 4. pollution of the environment: to exist in the environment any of the materials or contaminated factors quantities or recipes, for a period of time, could lead directly or indirectly, alone or in interaction with other disturb the ecological balance, and damage to public health, or affect in any capacity to enjoy life and take advantage of the resources and property. 5. degradation of the environment: the impact on one of the elements of the natural environment, which reduces the historical value or cultural or economic, or cause harm to organisms that live in them or depend on them, or lead an urgent basis or forward, to any potential harm to the environment or to take advantage of them or alter nature. 6. Materials and factors contaminated: any solid, liquid, gas or fumes or vapor, odor or noise, radiation, heat or vibration materials, produced by humans, or contaminants bio, Kalqguard, insects and various microbes, or any natural phenomena lead directly or by way of directly to environmental pollution or degradation. 7. Hazardous Materials and Waste: any material or waste generated from industrial processes, chemical or radiological, and gaining recipe dangerous because of the content of materials or concentrations of the material, or due to chemical reactions, or what characterizes the toxicity or potentially explosive and events corrosion, or any the characteristics of the resulting risk to human life or animal or plant, or to the environment, whether alone or when it relates to other residues. 8. licensed entity: any entity entrusted by the issuance of a potential impact on the environment projects licenses. 9 - Person: Any natural or legal person, whether a legal personality or were not. 10. Project: any facility or facility or activity is likely to be a source of pollution or environmental degradation. 11. environmental assessment of the project: the study or studies, that are made by the project license, to identify potential environmental impacts, and procedures, and appropriate means to prevent or mitigate the negative effects or increase the positive .returns of the project on the environment

**Rule No. 3**

The device environment issue decisions and instructions in all matters concerned with the environment, and shall exercise all powers and authorities necessary to do so, and particularly the following: (1) the development of plans and policies, and supervise

their implementation, in order to achieve its objectives. 2. Participation in the formulation of the scientific research on environmental policy, in coordination with the competent authorities. 3. The right to request data as it deems necessary from any exercise activity, may lead to contamination or degradation of the environment. 4. study contracts and agreements, decide which rights to your environment or arrange .commitments it. 5. Other terms of reference stipulated in this law

#### Rule No. 4

For your environment in order to achieve the objectives of cooperation and coordination with all concerned parties to do the following: 1. Prepare the laws and legislation projects, issuance systems that meet the safety and protection of the environment and development. 2. research and study and propose plans and policy for Environmental Affairs, at the state level. 3. To study, discuss plans and policies formulated by the ministries or bodies, institutions or companies, which exercise activity may affect the environment, and propose solutions to any problems or environmental constraints, facing these programs and projects. 4. Research and study and develop proposals and solutions to any matters related to the environment or referred to it by the Council of Ministers, or any other official or unofficial, in the state's problems. 5. conduct or oversee the research and studies for a comprehensive pollution control and the negative effects on health and the environment, and take all possible preventive measures and means necessary, to reduce environmental pollution in all its forms, and to prevent environmental degradation. 6. lay the foundations necessary to link environmental planning and development policy considerations at the state level, by introducing the concept of environmental management as an integral part scheduled valuable planning and policy implementation and follow-up development projects, which holds the implementation of government agencies or the private sector, by evaluating the environmental impact of the projects. 7. monitor public and private activities that adversely affect the environment. 8. study the nature of the soil, water and energy, and suggest ways to maintain them from degradation and low efficiency, and through the necessary controls, to reduce the misuse or depletion. 9. study the nature of the coastal areas and the marine environment, and propose resource protection and development and developed. 10. Develop and develop their own preventive measures reducing marine pollution from oil and other harmful substances and activities, and workforce development and training, to implement control plans. 11. Create a reference laboratory for the environment, and the provision of technical staff needed to run the equipment. 12. Identify and monitor controls and limits to the level of emission of pollutants to the environment and its focus there. 13. Work on the development of interest in educational, informational, social and cultural aspects, and to increase the development of environmental awareness, so as to enable the community to contribute effectively to achieve the desired objectives to preserve the environment and development. 14. Develop and implement plans and programs for the training and qualification of technical personnel in the field of environmental affairs. 15. conduct a comprehensive inventory of the problems of human settlement, and trace the evolution of the economic and social conditions on human populations and their impact on the environment, and propose programs that provide appropriate solutions and put them into practice. 16. Establish ensure collection and analysis of data and information and exchange systems, and to benefit from research, organizations and associations specialized in the field of environmental affairs institutes, whether inside or outside the country. 17. study of international, regional and Arab conventions on environmental affairs, and opinion for the accession, in coordination with the concerned authorities. 18. coordination with the concerned authorities in the state of international relations, regional and Arab organizations concerned with the environment. 19. determine the controls on the import and dealing with chemical and radioactive materials, and monitor application. 20. lay the foundations necessary for the sound management of industrial, health and household refuse. 21. pursuit of coordination at the regional and international levels, to achieve the safety and protection of the .environment and development

#### Rule No. 5

It is for your environment, general manager with experience and competence in the field of environmental affairs, and to be appointed by an Emiri decree. The Director General, the conduct of technical, administrative and financial affairs, according to the provisions of this Act and the regulations and decisions issued by the Minister of .Housing, Municipalities and Environment

#### Rule No. 6

No person or project may be, the use of the environment in any activity that pollute the environment or contribute to the degradation, or damaging natural resources or organisms, or prejudice, or prohibiting the use or the use or exploitation of good project for the environment. Material - 7 - No person or project may exploit the areas determined by the laws or regulations, or determined by the device environment as a protected area or special environmental considerations, any purpose that lead to the .violation of the provisions of this law and the resolutions implementing it

#### **Rule No. 7**

No person or project may exploit the areas determined by the laws or regulations, or determined by the device environment as a protected area or special environmental considerations, any purpose that lead to the violation of the provisions of this law .and the resolutions implementing it

#### **Article 8**

Committed to various projects, in the exercise of their activities not to leak or emission of material factors and polluting the environment, in excess of the maximum .allowable limits in the law and implementing decisions

#### **Article 9**

May not use machines or engines or vehicles, emit or Awadamha materials or pollutants, .exceeded the limits approved by the Environment device

#### **Article 10**

Spray or the use of pesticides or other chemical compounds for agriculture, public health or other purposes is prohibited, only after taking into account the conditions and controls and guarantees determined by the environment device in agreement with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Works and Agriculture, to ensure that no environmental vulnerability directly or indirectly in the case or the future, the .adverse effects of these pesticides or chemical compounds

#### **Article 11**

All individuals and projects committed in conducting any exploration or drilling or construction or demolition or transfer the resulting residue or dust, to take all necessary precautions and measures to prevent damage to the environment and, in particular, with respect to storage, transportation and proper disposal of this waste and dust, so as determined by the decisions of the Minister of housing, municipalities .and environment in this regard

#### **Article 12**

Required in enclosed and semi-enclosed public places, to be fulfilled the means of adequate ventilation, commensurate with the number of employees and attendees of the place and its size and its capacity and the type of activity that is practiced in it to ensure air renewal and purity and retaining the temperature and lighting suitable, so . as determined by regulations issued by the competent authority that

#### **Article 13**

Prohibited on all projects, including public shops and industrial, tourist and service projects, throw or discharge any materials or waste or fluids, or engage in any activities that cause pollution or degradation of the coastal and adjacent water environment, and considers each day of continued drainage or prohibited activity, a .separate offense

#### **Article 14**

It prohibits the trading of hazardous substances and waste, without a license from the Environment device. And issue a Minister - respective - in consultation with the Minister of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, a table of hazardous substances .and wastes referred to

#### **Article 15**

Based on the production or handling of hazardous materials, whether in gaseous, liquid or solid, abide by all the precautions and requirements prescribed by your environment

to ensure the absence of any environmental damage that. And the owner of the facility, which produces all its hazardous waste, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, keep a record of this waste and how to dispose of them, shows the decision of the Minister of Housing, Municipalities and Environment data recorded in this record. And .respect the environment a follow-up record to ensure conformity of the data of reality

#### **Article 16**

We are committed to all projects, to take the necessary precautions and measures not to leak or emission of polluting substances and agents in the workplace, unless the permissible limits, which are determined by the device environment in coordination with the competent authorities. And it is committed to projects, providing the means necessary protection for workers and the prevention of occupational hazards, pursuant .to the terms of occupational health and safety

#### **Article 17**

Adhere to all persons and projects, when directly productive activities, service or other, especially when operating machinery, equipment and vehicles and the use of alarm and loudspeakers machines, not exceeded the permissible limits of sound intensity as .decided by the environment device

#### **Article 18**

Prohibits persons of different projects, save the waste or disposed of in any manner .inconsistent with the standards and methods systems that puts the environment device

#### **Article 19**

Is committed to industrial projects determined by the device that environment, the establishment of units to treat waste left over from its activity, including hazardous .and toxic private

#### **Article 20**

On each ministry or body, mandated to grant licenses for the projects, to get the approval of the device environment, prior to license him to ensure the project is environmentally sound version. And the license holder, compliance with regulations and requirements set by the Environmental device to prevent pollution of the environment or .to reduce degradation

#### **Article 21**

Must of asking them to progress studies for various projects that are likely to have environmental effects, these studies include a detailed description issued by specialized for precautions and considerations taken into account about the potential environmental impact of these projects, according to the criteria specified in the .environment device that point of viability

#### **Article 22**

Expansions or renovations to existing facilities are subject to the same provisions set .forth in articles 20, 21 of this Law

#### **Article No. 23**

The device environment, in consultation with the concerned government agencies, updating environmental pollution standards and specifications in the light of scientific discoveries and field studies conducted locally and internationally, and .these standards and specifications, binding on all parties concerned

#### **Article 24**

Use of new projects and any major change to an existing project, the most appropriate technologies available as determined by the Environmental Agency's pollution prevention or control and to prevent environmental degradation. And the owners of existing projects when the issuance of this law, the provision of study according to the criteria specified by the device environment for the pollution caused by these projects on the environment and control measures they would take that, but your environment .using the techniques compel them to ensure for this purpose

**Article 25**

The device environment, in consultation with the relevant organs, a review of the best available technologies, pollution prevention or control and the prevention of .environmental degradation

**Article 26**

Minister of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, decide to stop working with any project, or prevent the use of any part or in whole machine, tool, or substance, whether in the continuation of work on the project or in the use of the machine or tool or material risk to the environment. Cessation or prevention, and will always be, or for a certain period specified by the Minister in his decision, he may extend this period or make the moratorium or ban permanent. And the Minister of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, to authorize the Director General of the device environment, the issuance of this resolution, and the competent administrative authorities and stakeholders implementation, and may include the cessation or prohibition decision of the interim certain time, to take specific precautions must be implemented during this period. And Any concerned party may appeal to the Minister's decision to ban or moratorium, whether the decision was permanent or temporary certain time, and have the complaint within sixty days from the date of notification of the appellant of the decision by a registered letter or after becoming aware of it. And it should be separated on the appeal within sixty days following the submission and inform the appellant of the minister's decision on the appeal, by a registered letter, if sixty days ago on filing the petition, without answering him competent authorities, take the grievance rejected. And those who refused to take his complaint or rejected, the appeal before the High Civil Court in the decision to reject the appeal, or considered unacceptable, within sixty days following the refusal to inform him of the .decision, or to consider the appeal rejected

**Article 27**

Destructible environments and habitats for animals and marine wildlife and plants or damaging it, that determine the types under the decision of the Minister of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, in agreement with the Minister of Public Works and Agriculture, the National Commission for Wildlife Conservation, and other interested parties is prohibited. And determined by a decision of the Minister of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, in coordination with the aforementioned areas to which .they apply the provisions of this Article

**Article 28**

Scarring and Minister of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, the staff required for the inspection work, which required the implementation of this law and its executive orders, proof of the violations of its provisions and the provisions of these decisions, and have these employees also have access to the places where these irregularities are located and request information, data and edit records and sampling and make the necessary measurements and studies to determine the extent of environmental pollution and sources of pollution and to ensure the application of systems and requirements for environmental protection. The Minister of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, delegate any of the official authorities, in practice .referred to in the preceding paragraph authorities

**Article No. 29**

Without prejudice to any severer penalty provided for by the law of another, shall be punished by imprisonment and a fine not exceeding fifty thousand dinars, or one of these penalties, anyone who violates the provisions of Articles 6.7, 8.9, 10.11, 12.13, 14.15, 16.17, 18.19, 20.24, 27.28 of this law, and the court may require in addition to that the closure of the places where the work is the source of contamination for a period not exceeding three months, if the violation is repeated, the court may control to cancel the license. Punishable by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year and a fine not exceeding one thousand dinars, or either of them, every person who violates the provisions of Article 3, paragraph 30 does not preclude the application of the penalties provided for in this Article, the rule obliging the violator all expenses resulting from the treatment of environmental damage, as well as government .compensation, which It may entail for such damages

**Article No. 30**

This application of the law to apply any other Act shall be without prejudice, it regulates the protection of the environment in particular areas. That it should be on those who are applying these laws, or any other authority to issue regulations, systems and requirements for environmental protection expires, to take the approval of the device environment, prior to the issuance of these rules and regulations and requirements. The device and the environment, coordination between the concerned authorities to protect the environment and to achieve cooperation between them in areas .of work

#### **Article 31**

Repealed Decree No. (7) for the year 1980, the establishment of the Environmental Protection Committee, as well as any text violates the provisions of this Act or .contradict him

#### **Article 32**

The Minister of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, decisions and requirements .implementing this law

#### **Article 33**

The Ministers - each within his own jurisdiction - the implementation of this law, and shall be effective after one month from the date of its publication in the Official .Gazette

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