

**Ministerial Decision No 342/97  
Issuing Regulations Organizing the use of  
Desalination Units on Wells**

**On the basis of Royal Decree No 82/88 considering water stock as national wealth.**

**And to the Royal Decree No 100/89, promulgating the establishing of Ministry of Water Resources and specifying its responsibilities.**

**And to the Ministerial Decision No 13/95, promulgating the issue of regulations Organizing wells and aflajs.**

**And in accordance with the public interest.**

**It is decided**

**Article (1): Regulations of Organizing the use of Desalination Units on Wells, are to be in force.**

**Article (2): This decision is to be published in the official gazette and implemented from the date of publication.**

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## **Regulations of Organizing the use of Desalination Units on Wells**

### **Part One**

#### **General Provisions**

**Article (1):** Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the meaning assigned to each of them:-

- 1- Minister: Minister of Water Resources.
- 2- Ministry: Ministry of Water Resources.
- 3- Administration: Water Resources Administration in the region.
- 4- Desalination Units: Device used to isolate dissolved salt in the water in order to transfer it to fresh water.
- 5- Brine: Substances resulted from Desalination process and harmful to water resources.
- 6- Permit: Permit to install, operate or replace desalination Unit on existing or new well or to dry well to dispose brine.
- 7- Applicant: Any person, group, establishment, company, national or government establishment, apply for permit to install, operate or replace desalination Unit on well or digging a new well for dispose brine.
- 8- Registration Certificate: Document issued by administration to the owner of the unit or well of disposal brine, to register new or existing desalination unit or well of disposal brine.
- 9- Registration Board: Board issued by the administration should the registration number or any other details.

- Article (2):** From the date of the regulation no, installation, operation or replacement of desalination units on wells or digging of disposal wells, is allowed unless a permit is obtained from the administration.
- Article (3):** According to this regulations, registration of existing or new wells should be on registered wells and according to mentioned regulation of organizing wells and Falejs.
- Article (4):** Those who own desalination unit or brine disposal wells which are registered in accordance with these regulations, are to request from the administration to register them under their name within a period of 3 months.
- Article (5):** The administration has the right to determine production capacity of the permitted desalination unit and it's use and to require from the owner to install water meter to the unit.

## **Chapter (2)**

### **Registration procedures of wells Desalination Units**

- Article (6):** Registration request for wells desalination Units must be forwarded to the administration form the date of the regulation using a prepared from within a 6 months from this date. Method of disposal of brine and chemical substances used in desalination must be cleared.
- Article (7):** The administration after carrying the required observation and ensuring the proper disposal of brine and chemical substances used in desertification according to the laid technical terms, is to issue unit registration certificate and registration Board.

### **Chapter (3)**

#### **New Desalination Units Installation Permit Procedures.**

**Article (8):** Permit request for installing, operating or replacing new desalination Unit's to be forwarded to the administration on the prepared from.

**Article (9):** The applicant permit to install, operate or replace new desalination unit 's to deposit on amount of R.O. 250 to administration as an insurance to carryout authorised works according to the permit.

Governmental establishments are exempted from paying this insurance.

**Article (10):** The applicant has a period of 15 days from the date of the completion of the required works to register the desalination unit with the administration. The administration after insuring the completion of works according to the permit is to refund the insurance and issue a unit registration certificate and registration board.

**Article (11):** It is not permitted to install, operate or replace desalination unit in regions which have public water supply wells and falejs and dams setbacks.

**Article (12):** The permit should include specifically validity Unit location, type and technique used.

## **Chapter (4)**

### **Permit procedures for brine dumping wells.**

- Article (13):** permit request for digging brine dumping wells is forwarded to the administration on the prepared form.
- Article (14):** The applicant who obtained a permit to dig a brine dumping well, is to deposit an amount of R.O.250/= as an insurance to fulfill conditions and specifications tested in the permit. Governmental establishments are exempted from paying this insurance.
- Article (15):** A- The applicant has a period of 15 days from the date of completion of the work, to register the brine dumping well with administration. The administration after insuring the completion of works according to the conditions and specifications enlisted in the in the permit, is to refund the insurance and issue well registration certificate and registration board.
- B- It is prohibited to use the permitted brine dumping well before obtaining registration certificate.

## **Chapter (4)**

### **Permit procedures for brine dumping wells.**

- Article (16):** The permit should include the specific validity period, conditions and specifications laid by the administration for the brine dumping well.

## **Chapter (5)**

### **Penalties**

- Article (17):** Without violating any other penalties, offender of articles 2, 4, 5, 15 B of this regulations is to be punished according to article (312) of Oman penalty law No 7/74 the Ministry is to remove the violation administratively on the expenses of the offender.