

Corporation of London

BILLINGSGATE MARKET BYELAWS

BYELAWS for Billingsgate Market made by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London (hereinafter called “the Corporation”) under the authority of the Billingsgate Market Acts 1846 and 1871 and the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1979.

Interpretation

1. In these Byelaws unless the context otherwise requires:

“articles” means articles and commodities which are customarily associated with the processing, preserving, storage, sale or consumption of fish and fish products;

“authorised officer” means the Clerk and Superintendent or any other officer, employee or agent of the Corporation acting in the course of his employment or any market constable, and in relation to bylaws 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10 below means an officer within the meaning of Section 16 (1) of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1979;

“byelaws” means the byelaws for the time being governing the market;

“the principal byelaws” means the Billingsgate Market Byelaws made by the Corporation on the 18th day of December 1981 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 5th day of February 1982;

“Clerk and Superintendent” means the Clerk and Superintendent of Billingsgate Market;

“Committee” means the Billingsgate and Leadenhall Markets Committee for the time being of the Corporation or such other Committee to which the Corporation shall from time to time delegate the functions of the market, or any authorised person or persons who may from time to time exercise the functions of the Committee in respect thereof;

“the Corporation” means the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London acting by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City in Common Council assembled;

“fish” shall include, oysters and all other shellfish;

“goods parking area” means the parking area the use of which is restricted to goods vehicles carrying fish or other goods to be sold in or bought in the market;

“the market” means Billingsgate market place at North Quay, West India and Millwall Docks, Poplar in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets;

“market road” means and includes every road within the boundaries of the market;

“parking area” means any area of the market set aside by the Committee for that purpose and indicated by notices exhibited at the entrance to the market;

“tenant” means any person paying or liable to pay rent to the Corporation for premises in the market;

“traffic sign” means any object or device (whether fixed or portable) which reasonably conveys to traffic or any specified class of traffic, requirements, restrictions or prohibitions of any description or any line or mark placed or laid on or near a market road by the Committee for so conveying such requirements, restrictions or prohibitions;

“vehicle” includes any mechanically propelled vehicle (other than an invalid chair), and any cycle, tricycle, cart, wagon, trailer or trolley.

2. An act necessary for the proper execution of his duty by an authorised officer shall not be deemed an offence against byelaws 3, 6, 9, 13, 17, 18, 21 and 22.

Traffic

3. No person shall drive any vehicle on a market road at a speed exceeding 20 m.p.h. or exceeding such lesser speed as may be directed by an authorised officer:

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person in charge of a vehicle being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes in pursuance of statutory duties or powers.

4. Unless otherwise directed by an authorised officer, no person shall park or leave any vehicle or cause or permit it to wait in any part of the market except in one of the parking areas.
5. A person in charge of a goods vehicle shall not allow it to stand in the goods parking area for longer than is reasonably necessary for the loading or unloading of fish or other goods, except as otherwise directed by an authorised officer.
6. No person shall use any vehicle in the market for sleeping, cooking or other domestic purpose.
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9. No person shall, to the annoyance of any other person, in any part of the market sound or cause or permit to be sounded any horn or apparatus designed to give audible warning of approach, except for the purpose of sounding a warning or alarm.
10. No person shall, within the market, load or cause or permit to be loaded any vehicle in such a manner that the weight, distribution or parking of the load results in:
 - a. danger being caused, or likely to be caused, to any person or property within the market, or
 - b. an obstruction being caused, or likely to be caused, in any part of the market,

or drive any vehicle so loaded unless otherwise directed by an authorised officer.

Conduct of Trading

11. No person shall sell, offer or expose for sale or attempt to sell, offer or expose for sale in the market any fish outside such hours as the Clerk and Superintendent may prescribe and by public notice display in a conspicuous place.
12. Where the Corporation:
 - a. designate any part of the market for the sale of fish, and
 - b. display a public notice to that effect in a conspicuous place

no person shall sell fish except in accordance with the terms of that designation.

13. No person shall allow to stand in the market or the immediate approaches thereto any fish, articles, or receptacle for fish or articles, in such a manner as to cause obstruction.
14. Every tenant or occupier of premises shall cause all refuse from the premises and all refuse arising from the loading or unloading of fish or articles required in connection with the premises to be removed, without creating a nuisance or obstruction, to such place of deposit within the market as shall be designated therefore by the Corporation and indicated by a public notice to that effect displayed in a conspicuous place.
15. No tenant shall permit anything whatsoever to project beyond the limit of the premises allotted to him.
16. No person shall wilfully or negligently throw, drop or leave in or upon any avenue, roadway or passage in the market, or in the immediate approaches thereto, any fish, refuse or any other litter.

17. No person shall, for any other purpose, use any fire hose, extinguisher or other appliance provided by the Corporation in the market for the purpose of fire fighting.

Conduct

18. No person shall at any time whilst in the market wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the market.
19. No person shall, to the annoyance of any other person, play any ball game in any part of the market.
20. No person shall, unless directed by an authorised officer acting in pursuance to enforcement powers of the Corporation under Article 3 of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966, clean, wash down or service a vehicle or cause or permit any vehicle to be cleaned, washed down or serviced whilst it is in the market.
21. No person shall carry out or cause or permit to be carried out any work of construction or repair on or to any vehicle whilst it is in the market, except as is necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved therefrom.
22. No person shall:
 - a. bring or cause or permit to be brought into or remain in the market any animal belonging to him or in his charge not within, or upon, or drawing a vehicle, or
 - b. release any animal from any vehicle in the market

Provided that nothing in this byelaw shall prevent a blind person from bringing into the market and keeping with him any guide dog belonging to him or in his charge.

23. No person shall act as a Porter, or stand or ply for hire within the market, other than the Porters duly licensed for that purpose by the Committee having the management of the market.
24. A person desirous of acting as a Porter or standing or plying for hire as a Porter within the Market shall deliver to the Clerk of the Market an application in writing, stating his full name, age and place of abode, together with satisfactory proof of his good character and fitness. Such application shall be submitted to the Committee having the management of the Market, and if approved a Licence shall be granted to the Applicant, under the hand of the Clerk of the Market, to act as a Market Porter. In every such Licence shall be specified the number thereof, with the name, age and place of abode of the person to whom the same shall be granted, and every Licence shall bear date the day it is granted, and continue in force until the first day of July next after the date thereof, unless it shall be sooner suspended or revoked under the provisions hereinafter contained. The sum of two shillings and sixpence shall be payable on the issue of such Licence.

25. The Clerk of the said Market shall, during one calendar month preceding the first of July in every year, upon payment of one shilling in respect of each licence, renew such licences to take effect from the date of such renewal and to continue in force until the first of July in the then following year.
26. The particulars of every licence shall be registered in a book at the market, which any person shall be at liberty to inspect without payment of any fee.
27. The Clerk of the market shall also at the time of granting every licence deliver to the person to whom the same shall be granted a metal ticket or badge, with the armorial bearings of the City of London, and a number corresponding to the number of the licence raised thereon.
28. Every Porter shall, at all times when employed or plying for hire, wear the ticket, which shall have been delivered to him, conspicuously upon the breast in such manner that the number thereon shall at all times be distinctly visible and legible, and have about his person his licence, and shall produce his licence for inspection, when required, to any Officer of the Market, or to any Police Constable on duty and shall permit any person having reasonable occasion to see and note the number on his ticket.
29. Whenever any licensed person shall change his place of abode, he shall within seven days give notice thereof in writing, signed by him, to the Clerk of the Market, specifying his new place of abode, and shall produce his licence to the Clerk of the Market, who shall endorse thereon and register in the said book the particulars of such change of residence.
30. Upon the expiration, revocation, or suspension of any licence, the person to whom the same shall have been granted shall within one week deliver up such licence and the ticket relating thereto, to the Clerk of the Market; and no person to whom a licence has been granted shall, after the expiration or revocation of such licence, or during the time of his suspension, use or wear the ticket relating thereto.
31. No person to whom any licence or ticket shall have been granted shall transfer or lend such licence, or permit or suffer any other person to use or wear such ticket.
- 32a. A Licensed Porter shall not employ any other person except a Licensed Porter to act as Porter nor sublet or assign any contract of employment or any engagement entered into by or with him, to any other person whatsoever except a Licensed Porter.
32. Whenever the number on any ticket shall become obliterated or defaced, so that the same shall not be distinctly visible and legible, such ticket shall be delivered up to the Clerk of the Market who is authorised, upon payment of two shillings and sixpence to issue another ticket of a corresponding number, and no person shall wear or use any ticket after it shall have become obliterated or defaced, so that the number shall not be distinctly visible and legible.

33. No Porter shall while plying for hire in the market have with him any truck, trolley or barrow.
34. Any Porter or other person using any truck, trolley or barrow for the purpose of portering, shall load or unload the same within the area of the shop, and not in the avenues of the market.
35. If any Porter shall commit any offence against any of the Byelaws in force for regulating the Market, or shall be guilty of dishonesty or drunkenness, or shall use any obscene, filthy or abusive language or commit any assault or otherwise misconduct himself in the Market or its immediate neighbourhood it shall be lawful for the Clerk of the Market forthwith to suspend his Licence until the next meeting of the Committee having the management of the Market, and it shall be lawful for the Committee to revoke, annul and make void or further to suspend for such a period as they may think fit, the Licence of such Porter, and he shall not be permitted to act as a Porter unless and until his Licence shall be re-issued and renewed.
36. The word "Porter" shall include any man engaged in carrying fish into or from the Market, or from one part to another part of the Market, but shall not include the purchase of fish.
37. A person who contravenes any of these byelaws shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine:
 - a. in the case of a contravention of Byelaw 3, 10, 14 and 16 not exceeding £400; and
 - b. in any other case, not exceeding £100.

DATED the 18th day of December, 1981.

The Common Seal of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

(Signed) S.J. CLAYTON
Town Clerk

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The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Environment and shall come into operation on 1st March 1982.

(Signed) H.D. HALLETT
An Assistant Secretary in the
Department of the Environment

Signed by authority of
The Secretary of State
5 February, 1982

N.B. Nothing in these byelaws shall take away, abridge or limit any remedy now existing by way of indictment or otherwise or shall interfere with or prejudice the

powers of the Metropolitan Police or of any authority legally existing for preventing or punishing any offences whether specified in these byelaws or not.