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LABOUR MINISTRY

Decree No 700: Prohibiting Employment of Young Persons under the Age of 16 or 17, in Occupations that are Hazardous by Nature or which Endanger Life, Health or Morals.

The President of the Republic,

On the Basis of the Constitution,

On the Basis of Labour Law of 23/9/1946,

On the Basis of Law No 536, 24/7/96 amending Articles 21, 22 & 23,

On the basis of International Convention No 59 Minimum Age (Industry) Convention, ratified by Lebanon by Legislative Decree No 70 of 25/6/1977, specifically paragraphs a & b of paragraph (...rest illegible)

On the Basis of International Conventions nos. 77, Medical Examination of Young Persons (Industry) Convention, Article 2 &

Convention 78 Medical Examination of Young Persons (Non-Industrial Occupations) Convention, Article 3,

On the basis of the proposal of the Labour Minister,

Having consulted the State Consultative Council,

With the approval of the Council of Ministers of 21/4/1999,

DECREES the following;

ARTICLE 1;

Young Persons who have not reached the ages of 16/17 may not be employed (.. illegible !)

that are dangerous to life, health or morals due to the circumstances of the occupation and set out in Table 1 attached to this decree.

ARTICLE 2:

Admission of young persons who have not completed 17 years of age in a factory or workshop for vocational training & preparation...(illegible!)...the Labour Ministry and to obtain a medical certificate for the young person from the Public Health Ministry.

ARTICLE 3:

This decree shall enter into force as of its publication in the Official Gazette,
Baabda, 25/5/1999.

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Issued by the President of the Republic

The Prime Minister

Signed: Selim El Hoss

Labour Minister: Michel Moussa.

Tables

attached

TABLE 1

Young Persons may not be employed in occupations that are dangerous by nature, or which may endanger their lives, health or morals or because of its working conditions: A – BEFORE THEY ARE SIXTEEN YEARS OLD

Life threatening	Threat to Health	Threat to morals or psychological situation.
Ice factories & refrigerators	Tobacco including cigarettes & Bidi factories	Street vending
Cleaning out ash from ovens + pits	Occupations related to manufacture and use of agrichemicals	Work in Courts of law, prisons or reformatories
Maritime work: storing-sorting- stockers	Paper + printing	
Textile factories	Soap factories	
Carpet factories	Rubber factories	
Aluminium factories	Manufacture & weaving of rags	
Machine carpentry	Copper crafts	
	Illegible Silk, cotton, linen weaving	
	blacksmiths	

B- BEFORE THEY ARE SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD

Life threatening	Threat to Health	Threat to morals or psychological situation.
Manufacture or handling of explosives	Work that exposes them to cotton or asbestos dust	Production and sale of alcoholic beverages
Electricity generation, transfer and any type of motive force	Benzene use, filling, transforming or unloading	Receptionists in entertainment locales
Supplies in...?.. stations	Lead, white zinc, and leaded paint extraction	Work in bars
Demolition work	Manufacturing of mirrors with mercury	Solo work that exposes to danger
Crystal and glass manufacturing	Paints...?..., resins, varnishes, glues	
Motor operated machines, cleaning or repair	Tar, asphalt & bitumen	*Accidents or criminal activities.*pornography or production of pornographic material
Production of matches	Petroleum extraction and refining industries	Housework
...? Ground in mines, quarries and all stone extraction places	Underwater work (scuba diving work)	Entertainment(night clubs – pubs-casinos-circuses-gambling hall)
Tanneries	Lifting weights if they exceed 20kgs.	Work as carers for the Mentally disturbed
Transport- public vehicles	Sugar factories	Begging (absolute ban)
Life threatening	Threat to Health	Threat to morals or psychological situation.
Metal smelting & working	Work in any occupation requiring exposure to radiation or and ionised radiation	
Production and filling of Pressure	.../. that relies on the use of sodium	
Work with substances that can	Cooking blood	

cause toxicity due to use, handling, exposure to its dust, fumes or the fumes of its contents		
..? oxygen, acetylene, electricity	Cooking bones	
Work with firemen and gas leak saving teams	Cooking fats	
Operate lifting machines, diggers or in public works	Cooking fertilizers	
Operate rotary saws and other dangerous machines	All operations related to... ?..skins	
Work with dangerous or wild animals	Cement	
Bakeries: work near fires ...?..	transport of travellers or goods by normal means or railway...?... in warehouses or bunkers on bridges or pavements	
Abattoirs, meat cutting, skin tanning, animals	Work that would expose to disease causing matter ; work in hospitals, city cleaners, sewage work, handling of corpses	
Production of , terracotta, tiles, marble extraction and carving and other stonework		
Mixing and blending manufacture processes or repair of electrical batteries		
Manufacture of fertilizers, in metal acid factories, electrolytes or their depots		
Work in industrial furnaces to		

weld, filter or prepare metal products.		
Glass moulding + cooling in special ovens		
....?.. partially		
Lacquer painting		
Preparing metal mixtures or for welding and which contain more than 10% lead		
Manufacture of ..?, or lead sulphates or silicates		
Manufacture processes of electrical containers or their repair		
Work in fertilizer warehouses where extractions are made from animal products (urine, manure, bones & blood)		