

THE WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY LAWS, 1952 AND 1955.

REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 6.

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In exercise of the powers vested in him by section 6 of the Wireless Telegraphy Laws, 1952 and 1955, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations, 1955.

PART I.—INTERPRETATION.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“ alarm signal ” means a signal consisting of a series of twelve dashes sent in one minute, the duration of each dash being four seconds, and the duration of the space separating each dash from the following dash being one second ;

“ allied power ” means a foreign power engaged, in alliance with Her Majesty, in any war in which Her Majesty is also engaged ;

“ amateur ” means a person who desires bona fide to exchange messages in plain language with individual owners of other amateur stations as part of his training in wireless telegraphy or any technical investigations in wireless telegraphy which he may be conducting ;

“ associated authority ” means a foreign authority recognized by Her Majesty as competent to maintain naval, military or air forces for service in association with Her Majesty’s forces ;

“ British Postmaster-General ” means the Postmaster-General of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ;

“ coasting trade ” means trade exclusively carried on between ports in the Colony of Cyprus : Provided that the Governor in Council may schedule voyages between ports and places in the Colony of Cyprus and ports and places outside the Colony of Cyprus as being for this purpose equivalent to voyages in the coasting trade : Provided further that the voyages between Alexandria, Port-Said and the Colony of Cyprus shall be deemed to be voyages in the coasting trade for the purposes of these regulations ;

“ number of hours occupied in a voyage from port to port ” means the normal number of hours occupied in a voyage between one port of call and the next ;

“ on watch ” means on watch in the wireless telegraphy room of the ship ;

“ operator ” means one who holds the British Postmaster-General’s First or Second Class Certificate of Proficiency in Radiotelegraphy or a certificate issued by the Government of any part of Her Majesty’s Dominions which is accepted by the Governor as equivalent to a certificate granted by the British Postmaster-General ; “ operator ” in the case of a foreign ship means one who holds a certificate of the appropriate class issued by any Government in pursuance of the Regulations annexed to the International Radiotelegraph Convention for the time being in force ;

“ watcher ” means one who holds the British Postmaster-General’s Certificate as a watcher in Radiotelegraphy or a certificate issued by the Government of any part of Her Majesty’s Dominions which is accepted by the Governor as equivalent to a certificate granted by the British Postmaster-General ;

“ Wireless Telegraph Station ” means a Wireless Telegraph Sending and Receiving Station, or a Wireless Telegraph Receiving Station, for the purpose of sending and receiving or of receiving air navigational and meteorological messages.

PART II.—RECEIVING.

3.—(1) Any person who wishes to obtain a licence to install or work or maintain a wireless telegraphy receiving apparatus shall make an application in writing in the form in the First Appendix hereto to any Post Office in the Colony :

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Provided that no application shall be made by any person who is already the holder of a licence and who wishes to renew such licence upon the expiration thereof. Such person shall, however, produce to the Post Office at the time of renewal, his last licence or other relevant Post Office document ; and, if he fails to do so, he shall pay a search fee of one hundred mils.

(2) In addition to the particulars contained in the application the Postmaster-General may require the applicant to furnish him with the names of two persons approved by the Postmaster-General to whom reference may be made as to the character of the applicant.

4. No application shall be considered unless the applicant has attained the age of eighteen years.

5. The fee for a licence or the renewal of a licence to install or work or maintain a wireless telegraphy receiving apparatus, whether portable or fixed, shall be ~~one hundred~~ ^{one pound} mils per annum payable in advance. The period covered by the payment shall expire on the completion of twelve months beginning on the first day of the month of issue :

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Provided that no fee shall be paid for a licence or the renewal of a licence issued in respect of wireless telegraphy receiving apparatus owned or hired by members of Her Majesty's forces or of the forces of any allied power or associated authority serving in Cyprus where such apparatus is used in unit lines and in clubs and rest rooms run by Military Welfare and Charitable institutions, or by any institution which is, to the satisfaction of the Governor, a charitable institution :

Provided further that no fee shall be paid for a licence or the renewal of a licence issued in respect of wireless telegraphy receiving apparatus owned or hired by any school or educational institution if the application for such licence or renewal is accompanied by a written statement from the Director of Education recommending the free issue of such a licence or renewal.

6. A licence to install, work or maintain a wireless telegraphy receiving apparatus shall be valid for twelve months from the first day of the month of issue and shall be in the form and subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in the Second Appendix hereto :

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Provided that, where under any regulation in force for the time being, no fee is paid for such licence, the form contained in the Second Appendix hereto shall be used with such variations or amendments as may be necessary to suit the case.

PART III.—DEALERS.

7.—(1) Any person who wishes to obtain a licence to sell, deal in, let on hire or otherwise dispose of apparatus for wireless telegraphy shall make an application in writing in the form in the Third Appendix hereto to the Postmaster-General :

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Provided that no application shall be made by any person who is already the holder of a licence and who wishes to renew such licence upon the expiration thereof.

(2) In addition to the particulars contained in the application the Postmaster-General may require the applicant to furnish him with the names of two persons approved by him to whom reference may be made as to the character of the applicant.

8. No application shall be considered unless the applicant has attained the age of eighteen years.

9. The fee for a licence or the renewal of a licence to sell, deal in, let on hire or otherwise dispose of apparatus for wireless telegraphy shall be one pound per annum payable annually in advance. The period covered by the payment shall expire on the completion of twelve months beginning on the first day of the month of issue.

10. A licence to sell, deal in, let on hire or otherwise dispose of apparatus for wireless telegraphy shall be valid for twelve months from the first day of the month of issue and shall be in the form and subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in the Fourth Appendix hereto.

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PART IV.—AMATEURS.

11. Any person who wishes to obtain a licence to establish an amateur wireless telegraphy station shall make an application in writing in the form in Part I of the Fifth Appendix hereto to the Postmaster-General :

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Part I.

Provided that no application shall be made by any person who is already the holder of a licence and who wishes to renew such licence upon the expiration thereof.

12. No application shall be considered unless the applicant attains the age of eighteen years, and has a knowledge of the theory and practice of wireless communication and in particular of low power sending apparatus of a standard to enable him to comply with the provisions of the licence.

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Part II.

13. The fees set out in Part II of the Fifth Appendix hereto shall be payable in respect of the services enumerated therein.

14. A licence to install, work or maintain an amateur wireless telegraphy station shall be valid for twelve months from the first day of the month of issue and shall be in the form and subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in the Sixth Appendix hereto.

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PART V.—WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY STATIONS.

15. Any person who wishes to obtain a licence to establish, install or work a wireless telegraphy station in any place in Cyprus shall submit an application in writing to the Postmaster-General and such application shall be in the form and manner contained in the Seventh Appendix hereto.

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16. The fee for a licence to establish, install and work a wireless telegraphy station in any place in Cyprus shall be three pounds per annum. The fee payable for the first year will be £3, £2.250, £1.500 or seven hundred and fifty mils according to whether the licence is issued in the first, second, third or fourth calendar quarter of the year, respectively. Provided that the Governor may, if he thinks fit, exempt the licensee from the payment of licence fees.

PART VI.—MERCHANT SHIPPING WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

GENERAL.

17. All apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board a merchant ship in the territorial waters of Cyprus shall be worked in such a way as not to interfere with—

- (a) naval signalling, or
- (b) the working of any wireless telegraphy station lawfully established, installed or worked in Cyprus or the territorial waters thereof, and in particular the said apparatus shall be so worked as not to interrupt or interfere with the transmission of any messages between wireless telegraphy stations established as aforesaid on land and wireless telegraphy stations established on ships at sea.

18. No apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board a merchant ship shall be worked or used whilst such ship is in any of the harbours of Cyprus except with the special or general permission in writing of the Postmaster-General.

19. If at any time in the opinion of the Governor an emergency has arisen in which it is expedient for the public service that Her Majesty's Government should have control over the transmission of messages by wireless telegraphy the use of wireless telegraphy on board merchant ships whilst in the territorial waters of Cyprus shall be subject to such further regulations as may be made by the Governor from time to time, and such regulations may prohibit or regulate such use in all cases or in such cases as may be deemed desirable.

20. These regulations shall not apply to the use of wireless telegraphy for the purpose of making or answering signals of distress.

CLASSIFICATION OF SHIPS.

21. For the purposes of these regulations ships shall be classified as follows :

Class I.—Ships carrying 200 persons or more which are not engaged in the coasting trade.

Class II.—Ships not engaged in the coasting trade carrying over 50 but less than 200 persons and ships engaged in the coasting trade carrying 50 persons or more.

Class III.—Ships carrying less than 50 persons.

In reckoning the number of persons carried by a ship there shall be included the normal crew of the ship and the maximum number of passengers permitted to be carried by the passenger certificate of the ship.

NATURE OF INSTALLATION.

22. The wireless telegraphy installation with which a ship shall be provided (hereinafter referred to as "the installation"), shall be of a type approved by the Governor and shall in particular comply with the following conditions :—

- (a) the installation shall be of the spark or interrupted continuous wave type and shall be capable of transmission and reception on the 600 metre wave ;
- (b) the installation shall include a normal installation and an emergency installation, except that where the normal installation complies with the requirements of this regulation as to emergency installations as well as those as to normal installations a normal installation alone shall suffice ;
- (c) a normal installation must be capable of transmitting clearly perceptible signals from ship to ship over a range of at least 100 nautical miles by day under normal conditions and circumstances ;
- (d) an emergency installation must include an independent source of energy capable of being put into operation rapidly and of working for at least six continuous hours with a minimum range from ship to ship of 80 nautical miles for ships of Class I, and 50 nautical miles for ships of Classes II and III, and such independent source of energy must be capable of being worked for at least six continuous hours independently of the source of propelling power for the ship, the steam supply system and the main electricity supply system ;
- (e) for the purposes of this regulation an installation shall be deemed to comply with the above requirements as to range if it is able to maintain communication on a 600 metre wave at a range of one and a half times the number of nautical miles hereinbefore, respectively, prescribed over sea by day with a Post Office Standard Station when employing a receiver without amplification devices.

Alternatively the installation must operate with sufficient power to give under normal working conditions 60 metre-amperes in the case of a main installation ; 45 metre-amperes in the case of an emergency installation on a Class I ship and 26 metre-amperes in the case of an emergency installation

on a Class II ship. The number of metre-amperes is obtained by multiplying the maximum current (R.M.S.) intensity in amperes in the aerial by the maximum height in metres of the highest point of the aerial above the deepest load water line.

23. Sufficient electrical power must be available to operate the installation efficiently in addition to that necessary for other purposes.

24. The installation shall be housed in a separate room or compartment (hereinafter called "the Wireless Telegraphy Room") which must be placed in a position well above the water line, and such that extraneous noises do not interfere with reception. All dangerous parts of the installation must be either screened or effectively isolated.

25. There shall be provided between the bridge of the ship and the wireless telegraphy room means of communication by voice pipe, telephone or other means.

26. A reliable clock with seconds hand must be provided in the wireless telegraphy room.

SHIPS NOT FITTED WITH APPROVED AUTOMATIC APPARATUS.

27. If not fitted with an approved automatic apparatus for registering the alarm signal :—

(1) A ship of Class I shall carry operators in accordance with the following table, and while at sea an operator shall be always on watch :—

<i>Nature of Voyage.</i>	<i>Number and Grade of Operators.</i>
(a) Voyage exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	Three operators, of whom one shall be an operator of the First Grade and not more than one operator of the Third Grade.
(b) Voyage exceeding 8 hours but not exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	Two operators of whom one shall be of the First or Second Grade.
(c) Voyage not exceeding 8 hours from port to port.	One operator who shall be of the First or Second Grade.

(2) A ship of Class II shall carry operators and watchers in accordance with the following table, and while at sea an operator shall always be on watch at the time specified in the Eighth Appendix hereto, and either an operator or a watcher shall always be on watch at other times. Where only one operator is required to be carried, he shall be on watch throughout the voyage.

<i>Nature of Voyage.</i>	<i>Number and Grade of Operators and Watchers.</i>
(a) Voyage exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	One operator who shall be of the First or Second Grade, and two watchers.
(b) Voyage exceeding 8 hours but not exceeding 48 hours from port to port.	One operator who shall be of the First or Second Grade, and one watcher.
(c) Voyage not exceeding 8 hours from port to port.	One operator who shall be of the First or Second Grade.

(3) A ship of Class III shall carry one operator who shall be of the First or Second Grade, and while at sea the operator shall always be on watch at the times specified in the Eighth Appendix hereto.