

No. 966. THE BOMBARDMENT RANGE AREAS LAW.

CAP. 222 AND LAW 23 OF 1951.

REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 3.

Cap. 222
23 of 1951.

In exercise of the powers vested in him by section 3 of the Bombardment Range Areas Law, His Excellency the Governor hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Bombardment Range Areas (Consolidation) Regulations, 1957.

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

“ aircraft ” includes all balloons whether fixed or free, kites, gliders, airships, aeroplanes, seaplanes, flying boats and other flying machines ;

“ bombardment practice ” includes the firing of all kinds of ammunition (including rocket projectiles) from any vessel, aircraft, vehicles, artillery weapon, firearm or any other weapon issued for use by Her Majesty’s Forces or for the dropping of live or other bombs from any aircraft or for detonations ;

“ Bombardment Range Area ” means any area in the Colony declared as such under the provisions of section 2 of the Law ;

“ the Law ” means the Bombardment Range Areas Law, Cap. 222, or any Law amending or substituted for the same ;

“ master ” when used in respect of a vessel includes any person for the time being having the control or charge of the vessel ;

“ vessel ” includes ship, yacht, lighterboat and craft of every kind whether navigated by steam, motor, sail, oars or otherwise.

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3. On declaration of an area as a Bombardment Range Area under the provisions of section 2 of the Law, notice of such declaration with full particulars of the area so declared shall be given by the Comptroller to all aircraft and shipping companies operating in Cyprus.

4.—(1) When a bombardment practice will take place in any Bombardment Range Area, notice thereof shall, unless otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, be given by day by four red flags hoisted on the four permanent flagstaffs placed on the northern, eastern, southern and western extreme ends of such area and by night by fixed red light displayed on each of the said flagstaffs.

(2) The signals referred to in the previous paragraph of this regulation shall be hoisted or displayed half an hour before practice commences and shall be hauled down or extinguished when practice has ceased.

5.—(1) During such time as notice is given by the hoisting or displaying of signals in the manner in these regulations provided that bombardment practice is taking place within any Bombardment Range Area, such area shall be closed to the public and any intrusion on such area or obstruction of the use thereof is prohibited.

(2) Particularly and without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation—

(a) no person shall enter or remain within any such area, or bring, take or suffer to remain therein any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing ;

(b) no vessel shall be employed in any such area ;

(c) no pleasure boat shall cruise in any such area ;

(d) no vessel shall anchor in or ground on any such area ;

- (e) no aircraft shall alight on, remain in, or travel upon any such area ;
- (f) in the event of any vessel or aircraft being from any cause within any such area, the master or pilot or other person in charge thereof shall use his utmost endeavour to remove such vessel or aircraft out of the area without loss of time.

6.—(1) During the time the signals referred to in these regulations will be hoisted or displayed, Range Safety Officers shall be in charge of all range operations.

(2) Such officers are authorized to take all the necessary steps to secure the removal of unauthorized persons, vehicles, animals, vessels, aircraft or things from such area.

(3) No bombardment practice shall take place unless the Bombardment Range Area has been cleared of any unauthorized person, vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing.

7. No person shall trawl, dredge, search for or otherwise interfere with any shot, shell, bomb, or other projectile or portion thereof within any Bombardment Range Area or take, retain, or be in possession of any such shot, shell, bomb, or other projectile or portion thereof found within any such area.

THE AKAMAS BOMBARDMENT RANGE AREA.

8. In this part of the regulations the " Akamas Bombardment Range Area " means the area declared as such under section 2 of the Law by notice published in Supplement No. 3 to the *Gazette* of the 30th May, 1957, or by any other notice amending or substituted for the same.

9. The signals to be hoisted or displayed in respect of the Akamas Bombardment Range Area will be as follows :—

(a) By day :

(i) A red flag hoisted on the permanent flagstaff situated at the Northern extremity of the Area.

(ii) A red flag hoisted on the permanent flagstaff situated at the highest point of the ground at the Southern extremity of the Area.

(b) By Night :

A red light displayed on each of the flagstaffs mentioned in (i) and (ii) of (a) above.

(c) The area is more particularly marked on the ground by Notice Boards every 1,800 feet bearing the words in English, Greek and Turkish " Danger, Admiralty Bombardment Range. Entrance is prohibited when the Red Flags (or Red Lights, by night) are displayed one at the Northern extremity of the Area and one at the Highest point of ground at the Southern extremity of the Area ".

THE AKROTIRI (No. 1) BOMBARDMENT RANGE AREA.

10. In this part of these Regulations the " Akrotiri (No. 1) Bombardment Range Area " means the area declared as such under section 2 of the Law by notice published in Supplement No. 3 to the *Gazette* of the 30th May, 1957, or by any other notice amending or substituted for the same.

11.—(a) The danger signals to be hoisted in respect of Akrotiri (No. 1) Bombardment Range Area shall be red flags at intervals of 200 yards on the circumference of the Range.

(b) The area shall not be used by night.

THE AKROTIRI (No. 2) BOMBARDMENT RANGE AREA.

12. In this part of the regulations the "Akrotiri (No. 2) Bombardment Range Area" means the area declared as such under section 2 of the Law by notice published in Supplement No. 3 to the *Gazette* of the 30th May, 1957, or by any other notice amending or substituted for the same.

13. The signals to be hoisted or displayed in respect of the Akrotiri (No. 2) Bombardment Range Area shall be as follows:—

- (a) *Red Flag*. Red flags will be hoisted on the range one hour before firing is due to begin.
- (b) *Red Flag, Black Ball*. A red flag and a black ball or basket 6 feet in diameter will be hoisted in the centre of the firing point as additional warning to shipping. No firing will take place unless the red flag and ball are in position where they will remain until firing has ceased.
- (c) *Red Flag, Black Ball, Red Flag*. A further red flag will be hoisted below the black ball when shipping enters the sea arc. Firing will only take place outside the 20° limit on either side of such vessel at the discretion of the Director of Practice.
- (d) *Red Flag and Green Flag*. These flags will be positioned in the centre of the firing point. When the green flag is hoisted firing may take place.
- (e) *Red/White Flags*. Two red/white flags will be positioned behind the gun to assist the Gun Safety Officer with the gun safety arc.
- (f) *Siren*. When the siren is sounded all firing is to cease immediately.

THE ATHALASSA BOMBARDMENT RANGE AREA.

14. In this part of these regulations, the "Athalassa Bombardment Range Area" means the area declared as such under section 2 of the Law by notice published in Supplement No. 3 to the *Gazette* of the 30th May, 1957, or by any other notice amending or substituted for the same.

15. The signals to be hoisted or displayed in respect of the Athalassa Bombardment Range Area shall be as follows:—

- (a) By Day :
 - (i) A red flag hoisted on the high ground to the SOUTH-EAST of the range.
 - (ii) A red flag hoisted at the road junction NORTH of the range.
 - (iii) A red flag hoisted on the road from Athalassa to 400 yards SOUTH of the range.
 - (iv) A red flag hoisted on the road 100 yards NORTH-WEST from the 600 yards firing point.
- (b) By Night :

A red light displayed on flag poles at each of the places mentioned at (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of (a) above.

THE DHEKELIA BOMBARDMENT RANGE AREA.

16. In this part of these regulations, the "Dhekelia Bombardment Range Area" means the area declared as such under section 2 of the Law by notice published in Supplement No. 3 to the *Gazette* of the 30th May, 1957, or by any other notice amending or substituted for the same.