



WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.

RULES TO REGULATE THE USE OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPH APPARATUS ON MERCHANT SHIPS IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC, MADE BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY REGULATION, 1912.

1. All apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board a merchant ship in the territorial waters of the protectorates, islands, and places specified in the schedule to the Wireless Telegraphy Regulation, 1912, shall be worked in such a way as not to interfere with—

- (a) naval signalling ; and
- (b) the working of any wireless telegraph station lawfully established, installed, or worked in those protectorates, islands, or places 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 telegraph stations established as aforesaid on land and wireless telegraph stations established on ships at sea.

2. No apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board a merchant ship shall be worked or used while that ship is in any of the harbours of the protectorates, islands and places aforesaid except with the special or general permission of the Resident Commissioner or other chief executive authority therein.

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

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

By Command,

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