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DEFENCE (MISCELLANEOUS) REGULATIONS.

ORDER made by the Governor by virtue of the powers vested in him by regulation 43 of the Defence (Miscellaneous) Regulations.

Colombo, March 13, 1940.

By His Excellency's command,  
E. R. SUDBURY,  
Secretary to the Governor.

Order.

PART I.

*Outdoor Lights.*

1. Subject as hereinafter provided, no outdoor light shall be lit or displayed at night, for any purpose, or in any circumstance whatsoever, in any area specified or defined in the Schedule, except under the authority and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a permit in writing issued by the Police authority for such area.

2. The provisions of this Part of this Order shall come into operation on the publication of this Order in the *Gazette*.

PART II.

*Administrative Arrangements.*

3. (1) The Chief Secretary is hereby authorized to direct the competent authority for any area specified or defined in the Schedule to give public notice that the provisions of Part III. of this Order shall come into operation or cease to be in operation in that area.

(2) A direction under the preceding provisions of this paragraph may be issued for the purpose of experiment or practice for any occasion of emergency or public danger :

Provided that no such direction for such purpose shall be issued except after prior consultation with the competent authority concerned.

(3) Where any direction is issued under the preceding provisions of this paragraph for the purpose of experiment or practice for any occasion of emergency or public danger, the competent authority to whom such direction is issued shall give public notice in the area for which he is the competent authority that the provisions of Part III. of this Order will

come into operation in that area on such date or at such time, and will remain in operation for such period, as may be specified in the direction of the Chief Secretary; and the provisions of Part III. of this Order shall accordingly come into operation in that area on such date or at such time, and shall remain in operation for such period, as may be specified in the direction of the Chief Secretary:

Provided that such date, time or period shall not be determined by the Chief Secretary except after consultation with the competent authority concerned.

(4) Where any direction under the preceding provisions of this paragraph is issued other than for the purpose of experiment or practice for an occasion of emergency or public danger, the competent authority to whom such direction is issued shall forthwith give public notice in the area for which he is the competent authority that the provisions of Part III. of this Order are in operation in that area; and the provisions of Part III. shall accordingly come into operation in that area forthwith upon the publication of such notice, and shall continue in operation until notice is given in like manner by the competent authority that such provisions shall cease to be in operation:

Provided that the competent authority shall not give public notice that such provision shall cease to be in operation except on receipt of directions in that behalf from the Chief Secretary.

(5) Any direction of the Chief Secretary under the preceding provisions of this paragraph may be communicated to a competent authority through any officer of Government acting on the authority of the Chief Secretary, either in writing or by telegraph, or by telephone, or otherwise.

(6) The notice required to be given by a competent authority under the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall be given or published in such manner or by such means as may be approved by the Chief Secretary.

4. (1) Where any area mentioned in the Schedule is within the administrative limits of a Municipal Council, Urban Council or Sanitary Board, the competent authority for that area shall be the Mayor of the Municipal Council, or the Chairman of the Urban Council or Sanitary Board, as the case may be.

(2) Where any area or part of any area mentioned in the Schedule is not within the administrative limits of a Municipal Council, Urban Council or Sanitary Board, the competent authority for such area or part thereof shall be the Assistant Government Agent of the District, or where there is no such Assistant, then the Government Agent of the Province, in which such area or part thereof is situated.

5. Every person in any area specified or defined in the Schedule shall comply with the provisions of Part III. of this Order throughout the period during which such provisions remain in operation in such area.

### PART III.

#### "BLACKOUTS."

##### *Outdoor Lights.*

6. Subject as hereinafter provided, no outdoor light which is, or is likely to be, visible from the sea shall be lit or displayed at night for any purpose or in any circumstances, notwithstanding that a permit in respect of that light has been issued under Part I. of this Order:

Provided that the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to—

- (a) railway lights certified by the General Manager of Railways to be indispensable for the safety of traffic on the railway;
- (b) navigation or harbour lights certified by the naval authorities to be indispensable for the safety of vessels;
- (c) street lights or traffic lights certified by the Police authority for any area to be indispensable for the safety of vehicles or pedestrians on highways in that area;
- (d) lamps carried by fire engines when on a highway;
- (e) lamps carried by vehicles other than fire engines on highways in accordance with the provisions hereinafter set out;
- (f) lights specially exempted or approved for any purpose by the senior naval, military or air force authority in each area, or required or used by any such authority for the purposes of any operations connected with the maintenance of public safety or the defence of the Island.

7. Every outdoor light, the lighting or display of which—

- (a) has been authorized by a permit issued under Part I. of this Order, and
- (b) is not prohibited by the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Part of this Order,

shall, when it is lit or displayed at night, be so placed and so shaded or obscured as to ensure that all direct rays of light above the horizontal are cut off therefrom in all directions.

##### *Indoor Lights.*

8. In every building, of any description whatsoever, which is occupied or used for any purpose at night—

- (a) every lamp shall be shaded or obscured and reduced to the minimum intensity consistent with the requirements of any work done in the building and the safety of the persons occupying or using the building; or
- (b) every window, glass-door, skylight and ventilation grill shall be screened by shutters or dark blinds or curtains or effectively obscured by means of a coating of dark paint applied to each pane of glass forming part thereof, or otherwise,

in such manner as to ensure that no direct or reflected light from the building is visible from any point or place outside the building.

##### *Lights on Vehicles.*

9. No electric bulb of greater power than seven watts shall be fitted, carried or used in any side-lamp of any motor car or in any lamp on any bicycle.

10. (1) The outer face of every head-light or side-light of a motor car and of every electric lamp on a bicycle shall be completely covered with cloth of a dark blue colour; and, in the case of the head-light of a motor car, the cloth cover of the outer face of such head-light shall contain a circular area not less than three inches in diameter consisting of a double fold of such cloth so placed as effectively to obscure the filament of the bulb or the flame within such head-light.

(2) The entire surface of the reflector of every electric head-light of a motor car shall be effectively obscured by means of dull non-reflecting black paper.

(3) The entire surface of the reflector of every head-light (other than an electric head-light) of a motor car shall be effectively obscured by means of black paint.

(4) No spot-light, fog-lamp, reversing light, stop-light or interior light shall be used in or upon, or displayed from, any motor car; and no such light or lamp shall be equipped with a bulb.

(5) The tail-light of every motor car shall be completely obscured except for an area half-an-inch square on the glass or other material through which a red light is shown rearwards.

(6) Every direction indicator of every motor car shall be completely obscured except for an area two and a half inches long and a quarter of an inch broad on either side of such indicator.

11. The provisions of paragraphs 9 and 10 of this Part of this Order shall be complied with by the owner and the driver of every motor car and by the rider or other person in charge of every bicycle at all times of the day or night whether such car or bicycle is stationary or in motion on any highway or in any park, recreation ground, garden or open space of any kind.

## PART IV.

*General.*

12. Where any light is lit or displayed in contravention of the provisions of this Order or of any permit issued thereunder, it shall be lawful for any Police officer to extinguish that light and for such purpose to enter any premises, or to stop and enter any vehicle, or to take such other action as he may deem necessary.

13. In this Order—

- “at night” means at any time during the period between sunset and sunrise;
- “bicycle” includes a tricycle;
- “highway” includes every place over which the public have a right of way, or to which the public or any part of the public are granted access;
- “indoor light” means any lamp or light of any description used for the illumination of the interior of any building of any kind;
- “motor car” means a vehicle propelled by mechanism contained within itself and includes a motor-cycle, trailer and tram-car but does not include any engine or rail-car used on the railways of the Ceylon Government;
- “outdoor light” means any lamp, light, flare, beacon or fire-light of any description used, whether by a public authority or by a private person or association of persons, for illuminating for any purpose whatsoever the exterior of any building or any garden, street, park, recreation ground or open space, and includes an outdoor neon-sign or illuminated outdoor sign or advertisement.

14. For the purposes of this Order, the Police authority for the area within the administrative limits of the Municipality of Colombo shall be the Superintendent of Police, Colombo, and the Police authority for any other place or area shall be the chief Police officer of the District in which such place or area is situated.

*Schedule.*

1. The whole of the area comprised within the existing municipal limits of Colombo and Galle.
2. The whole of the area comprised within the administrative limits of each of the following Urban Councils :—
  - Negombo
  - Kolonnawa
  - Kotte
  - Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia
  - Moratuwa
  - Panadure
  - Kalutara
  - Beruwala
  - Ambalangoda
  - Weligama
  - Matara.
3. The whole of the area comprised within the administrative limits of each of the following Sanitary Board Towns :—
  - Kochchikadde
  - Ja-ela
  - Kandana
  - Peliyagoda
  - Alutgama
  - Hikkaduwa
  - Dodanduwa
  - Dondra
  - Tangalla
  - Hambantota.
4. The whole of the area one mile wide along the coast of Ceylon—
  - (a) from the mouth of the Maha-oya to the northern boundary of the area within the administrative limits of the Negombo Urban Council, and
  - (b) from the southern boundary of the area within the administrative limits of the Panadure Urban Council to Hambantota.
5. The whole of the area within a radius of eight miles from Chapel Hill, Trincomalee.

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## THE LIGHTING CONTROL ORDINANCE, No. 13 OF 1939.

REGULATION made by the Governor by virtue of the powers vested in him by section 2 (1) of the Lighting Control Ordinance, No. 13 of 1939.

Colombo, March 13, 1940.

By His Excellency's command,  
E. R. SUDBURY,  
Secretary to the Governor.

## REGULATION.

The Regulations under section 2 (1) of the Lighting Control Ordinance, No. 13 of 1939, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 8,485 of September 1, 1939, as amended by the regulations under that section published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 8,496 of September 7, 1939, and *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 8,500 of September 9, 1939, are hereby rescinded.