KING'S REGULATION

TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE USE AND SALE OF EXPLOSIVES IN THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific in accordance with the provisions of the Pacific Order in Council, 1893.

In the name of His Majesty, George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

1. This Regulation may be cited as the Solomons (Explosives) Regulation, 1912.

2. The Solomons (Explosives) Regulation, 1911, is hereby repealed.

3. In this Regulation the term "explosives" means and includes dynamite, gun-cotton, nitro-glycerine and every adaptation and preparation thereof used for explosive purposes, detonators, fulminate of mercury, and percussion explosives.

4. After this Regulation comes into operation it shall be unlawful for any person to hold explosives in his possession or under his control or to use the same, except in pursuance of a license (hereinafter called a holder's license), or to import, keep for sale, sell, supply, or deal in explosives, except in pursuance of a license (hereinafter called a dealer's license), granted by the Resident Commissioner.

5. The Resident Commissioner may grant—
   (a) a holder's license to any reputable person; and
   (b) a dealer's license to any person who has obtained a station license under the provisions of section three of the Solomons (Revenue) Regulation, 1897.
General conditions of grant of licenses.

6. Every license granted under this Regulation—
   (a) shall specify the quantity of explosives not exceeding which
       the licensee may hold or use, import for sale, sell, supply, or deal in, as the case may be; and
   (b) shall be personal and not transferable; and
   (c) shall be produced by the licensee on the requisition of any
       government officer authorised in writing by the Resident
       Commissioner in that behalf; and
   (d) may be cancelled by the Resident Commissioner at any time.

Period of licenses.

7.—(1) A holder’s license may be issued for a period not exceeding six months and shall contain a statement of the purposes for which the explosives to which it relates may be used.
   (2) A dealer’s license may be issued for a period not exceeding twelve months.

Production of holders’ license upon any sale.

8. The person to whom a dealer’s license is granted shall not sell or supply explosives to any person who has not obtained a holder’s license and shall require the production of the holder’s license before any sale or supply.

Obligations to person to whom dealer’s license is granted.

9. The person to whom a dealer’s license is granted shall—
   (a) keep a separate sales book in which he shall record the date
       of each sale of explosives, the name and address of the
       purchaser, and the quantity sold; and
   (b) indorse on the license of the purchaser, on the occasion of
       each and every sale, the quantity of explosives purchased
       and the date of the purchase; and
   (c) produce his book of sales, when required so to do, to any
       government officer authorised in writing by the Resident
       Commissioner in that behalf.

Penalties.

10. Any person who commits a breach of the provisions of this Regulation, or of any conditions contained in, indorsed on, or attached to, a license granted hereunder, shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not less than five pounds nor more than one hundred pounds, or, in the discretion of the court, to a term of imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding twelve months, or to both those punishments.

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By Command,

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