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PART I. - PRELIMINARY.

1. INTERPRETATION.

In this Regulation unless the contrary intention appears-

"Executive Officer" means a member of the Staff of the Commission appointed in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Commission to be Executive Officer of the Commission;

"manager" means the manager appointed under Section 19 of the National Capital District Commission Act 1990;

"member" means a member of the Commission.

PART II. - APPLICATION AND FORM OF BILL.

2. APPLICATION.

This Regulation applies to and in relation all laws made by the Commission.

3. FORM OF BILL.

- (1) A Bill for a law of the Commission shall be in the form approved by the Minister.
- (2) A Bill is not invalidated by reasons only of the absence of approval by the Minister if the Bill is substantially in the same form as that used previously by the former National Capital District Interim Commission under the *National Capital District Government (Preparatory Arrangements) Act* (Chapter 329).

4. DELIVERY OF COPY OF BILL TO COMMISSION.

Where a member wishes to introduce a Bill he shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Secretary of the Commission a copy of the proposed Bill.

5. PUBLICATION AND CIRCULATION OF BILLS TO MEMBERS.

- (1) Subject to Subsection (2), the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, after the receipt of a copy of a Bill, arrange for sufficient copies of the Bill to be made available for circulation to members of the Commission, and each member shall be given a copy of the Bill at least 14 clear days before that Bill is considered by the Commission.
- (2) The period of 14 days referred to in Subsection (2) may be abridged by the Commission.

6. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE LAWS.

Where the Commission proposes to make a law, it shall cause a notice of its intention to make that law to be published in a newspaper circulating in the National Capital District at least 14 clear days before the Bill is considered by the Commission.

7. DEBATE ON BILL.

- (1) A member shall not introduce a Bill to the Commission, unless he is seconded by at least one other member.
- (2) Any debate on the Bill shall proceed with all the members of the Commission being given an opportunity to present their views on at least one occasion.

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8. AMENDMENTS TO BILL.

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- (1) At the end of the debate on a Bill, and before the question is put, the chairman shall ask members to indicate whether any member wishes to move or propose any amendments to the Bill.
- (2) An amendment may be moved or proposed to any part of the Bill and unless seconded by at least one other member the amendment shall not be allowed.
- (3) Each member shall be given an opportunity to present his view on the amendment on one occasion only and a vote shall be duly taken on the proposed amendment.
 - (4) Where-
 - (a) an amendment has been agreed to; and
- (b) no amendment is moved, or agreed to, a vote shall be taken on the Bill.

9. VERBAL OR FORMAL AMENDMENTS.

- (1) The Manager may at any time, in consultation with the Chairman, rectify any clerical or printing error appearing in any part of a Bill or law.
- (2) Any correction made under Subsection (1), shall be notified in the National Gazette.

10. CERTIFICATION.

Where a Bill has been voted to become a law, the Manager and the Chairman shall both certify that the law was duly made by signing a copy of the law and stating the date on which the law was made.

11. COMMENCEMENT OF LAWS.

- (1) A law made by the Commission shall come into operation in accordance with a notice published in the National Gazette by the Minister.
- (2) On publication of a notice under Subsection (1) the Minister shall cause to be published in the National Gazette, the text of the law.
- (3) Failure to comply with Subsection (2) does not affect the validity of the law or of a law.

12. WITHHOLDING CONSENT TO LAWS.

Where in the exercise of his powers under Section 39, the Minister withholds consent to the text of a law made or to be made by the Commission, he shall as soon as possible cause a statement of reasons for his withholding the consent to be given to the Commission.

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