



Statutory Rules

1973 No. 119

REGULATIONS UNDER THE POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT 1901-1971.*

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Post and Telegraph Act* 1901-1971.

Dated this twenty-first day of June, 1973.

PAUL HASLUCK
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

LIONEL BOWEN
Postmaster-General.

AMENDMENTS OF THE TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS†

1. Regulation 2 of the Telegraph Regulations is amended by adding at the end thereof the words—

“ Part VI.—Miscellaneous (Regulation 79).”.

Parts.

2. Regulation 8 of the Telegraph Regulations is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (2.) the words “in accordance with regulation 20 of these Regulations”.

When telegraph office is closed telegrams may be dropped into post or telegraph office letter box.

3. Regulation 9 of the Telegraph Regulations is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (1.) the words “in accordance with regulation 20 of these Regulations”.

Telegrams for transmission may be forwarded free by post to nearest telegraph or telephone office.

4. Regulation 20 of the Telegraph Regulations is repealed.

Sender's signature and address.

5. Regulation 25 of the Telegraph Regulations is amended by omitting paragraph (g) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

Method of counting.

“ (g) in the case of a telegraph money order—

(i) the serial number (including the State prefix) of the telegraph money order form; and

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 28 June 1973.

† Statutory Rules 1927, No. 142, as amended by Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 35, 88 and 97; 1929, Nos. 15 and 128; 1930, Nos. 1, 5, 42, 81, 114 and 129; 1931, Nos. 70, 132 and 136; 1933, Nos. 88, 102 and 127; 1934, Nos. 24, 113 and 137; 1935, No. 77; 1938, No. 63; 1939, Nos. 14 and 84; 1940, Nos. 50, 87 and 102; 1942, No. 550; 1943, Nos. 215 and 242; 1944, No. 91; 1945, No. 10; 1946, No. 139; 1948, No. 23; 1949, Nos. 19 and 91; 1950, No. 91; 1951, Nos. 23, 73 and 90; 1952, Nos. 6, 35 and 78; 1954, No. 5; 1955, No. 58; 1956, No. 69; 1957, No. 41; 1958, Nos. 13 and 50; 1959, Nos. 10 and 84; 1960, No. 15; 1961, No. 76; 1962, No. 99; 1964, No. 122; 1965, Nos. 41 and 42; 1966, Nos. 23 and 118; 1967, No. 129; and 1973, No. 77; and Act No. 63, 1967.

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- (ii) the Departmental identification number of the post office from which the telegraph money order is transmitted.”.

Replies may be prepaid.

6. Regulation 54 of the Telegraph Regulations is amended—

- (a) by inserting after sub-regulation (1.) the following sub-regulation:—

“(1A.) A reply-paid telegram shall include, as part of the matter to be transmitted, the name and address of the sender or such other information as is, in the opinion of the sender, sufficient to inform the person to whom the telegram is addressed of the identity and address of the sender.”; and

- (b) by omitting sub-regulation (7.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-regulations:—

“(7.) A telegram that contains the words ‘reply paid’ or the letters ‘R.P.’, or other words or letters that would tend to indicate that the telegram is a reply-paid telegram, shall not be accepted for transmission unless—

- (a) the charges for a reply have been prepaid by the sender of the telegram; or
(b) it is clear from the context in which those words or letters appear in the telegram that the telegram is not a reply-paid telegram.

“(8.) Where, in accordance with regulation 75, 75A or 75B of these Regulations, the charges for a reply-paid telegram are payable by a subscriber, the charges for a reply shall, for the purposes of the last preceding sub-regulation, be deemed to have been prepaid by the sender of the telegram.”.

Telephoning of telegrams by subscribers.

7. Regulation 75 of the Telegraph Regulations is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (8.) the words “Subject to the next succeeding regulation” and inserting in their stead the words “Subject to the next two succeeding regulations”.

Payment for certain telegrams telephoned by holders of credit cards.

8. Regulation 75A of the Telegraph Regulations is amended by omitting sub-regulation (2.).

9. After regulation 75A of the Telegraph Regulations the following regulations are inserted:—

“75B. Where—

- (a) a person telephones a message from a public telephone or the telephone of a subscriber to a telegraph office for transmission as a telegram or lettergram;
(b) at the time the message is telephoned the person requests the officer at the telegraph office to whom the message is given to charge the fee payable for the transmission of the message as a telegram or lettergram to the telephone account of a subscriber or to the telephone account of a subscriber other than the subscriber to the service from which the message is telephoned, as the case may be; and

(c) the officer to whom the message is given does not reject the request, the fee payable for the transmission of the message as a telegram or lettergram, an additional fee of Ten cents and, if a telephone trunk line is used for the purpose of telephoning the message, the fee ascertained in accordance with paragraph (b) of sub-regulation (5.) of regulation 75 of these Regulations, are payable by the subscriber to whose telephone account the fee payable for the transmission of the message is requested to be charged.

Telegrams charged to a subscriber's account.

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“ 75c. A person who telephones a message to a telegraph office for transmission as a telegram or lettergram shall not request the officer at that telegraph office to whom the message is given to charge the telegram or lettergram, as the case may be—

False telephoning of telegrams.

- (a) to the telephone account of another person unless the first-mentioned person is authorized by that other person to make the request; or
- (b) to a telephone account that is a fictitious telephone account.

Penalty: Fifty dollars.”.

10. The Telegraph Regulations are amended by adding at the end thereof the following Part:—

“ PART VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

“ 79. A person shall not maliciously send a telegram that is calculated to mislead or cause distress or alarm to another person.

Misleading telegrams.

Penalty: One hundred dollars.”.