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**THE ADHESIVE STAMPS REGULATIONS 1940.**

GALWAY, Governor-General.

**ORDER IN COUNCIL.**

At the Government House at Wellington, this 4th day of  
September, 1940.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the Adhesive Stamps Act, 1939, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

**REGULATIONS.**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Adhesive Stamps Regulations 1940.

**INTERPRETATION OF TERMS.**

2. In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context,—
- “ The said Act ” means the Adhesive Stamps Act, 1939 :
  - “ Custodian ” means the Senior Custodian of Stamps, Post and Telegraph Department :
  - “ Director-General ” means the Director-General of the Post and Telegraph Department :
  - “ Stamp ” means a stamp created under the Adhesive Stamps Act, 1939, and includes a “ special stamp ” created under the said Act :
  - “ Stamp-printing Branch ” means that branch of the Government Printing and Stationery Department set aside for the purpose of printing stamps :
  - “ Stamp paper ” means paper used for the purpose of printing adhesive stamps.

**DIES AND PRINTING INSTRUMENTS : CUSTODY AND GENERAL.**

3. No die, plate, or other instrument for the printing of stamps shall be manufactured or obtained except on the order and with the authority of the Director-General.

4. Dies, plates, and other instruments for the printing of stamps shall be kept in safe custody by an officer designated by the Director-General, who shall be responsible for the supervision of the use of the said instruments in the printing of stamps and who shall ensure that each die, plate, or other instrument shall be readily identifiable.

5. Dies, negatives, or other instruments required for the manufacture of plates or other appliances for stamp-printing shall be delivered only to persons authorized by the Director-General to receive such dies, negatives, or other instruments, and every person receiving the said instruments shall deliver to the officer responsible for the custody of the instruments a receipt for such dies, negatives, or other instruments as he shall receive, and shall obtain an acquittance on return of such dies, negatives, or other instruments.

6. Persons receiving dies, negatives, or other instruments for the manufacture of plates or other appliances for stamp-printing shall ensure that such dies, negatives, or other instruments are used only for the manufacture authorized and that no irregular use is made of them.

7. The Director-General shall cause a register to be kept of all dies, plates, or other instruments used for the printing of stamps, and a record to be maintained of every transaction concerning the use of each die, plate, or instrument.

8. In addition to the register referred to in Regulation 7, the Government Printer shall cause to be kept an independent register in which shall be recorded all particulars relative to the history and working of each die, plate, or other instrument issued to him for any purpose by the officer responsible for custody.

9. Obsolete dies, plates, or instruments, spoiled dies, plates, or instruments, or such dies, plates, or instruments as the Director-General shall direct, shall be destroyed or defaced only on the order and with the authority of the Director-General, and such destruction or defacement shall take place in the presence of an officer deputed by the Director-General and of an officer deputed by the Controller and Auditor-General. The said officers shall furnish to the Director-General and the Controller and Auditor-General certificates that such dies, plates, or instruments have been destroyed or defaced in their presence.

10. Dies, plates, or other instruments destroyed or defaced under Regulation 9 shall be written off the record of the officer designated by the Director-General to hold custody of the dies, plates, or other instruments for stamp-printing.

#### LOCKING OF MACHINES.

11. The Government Printer shall ensure that all printing-machines or other appliances used in the production or printing of stamps shall be locked when not in use. The keys of the printing-machines and other appliances referred to herein shall be held by an officer to be designated by the Director-General.

#### STAMP PAPER : CUSTODY, ISSUE, AND GENERAL.

12. Paper for the printing of stamps shall be watermarked in such a manner that when printed every stamp on the sheet of paper will show a watermark.

13. The design and type of the watermark so to be shown shall be decided upon by the Director-General.

14. The "dandy" rollers used in the watermarking process of the manufacture of stamp paper shall at all times when not in use be held in safe custody by a responsible officer of Government approved by the Director-General.

15. Paper for the printing of stamps shall be ordered and obtained from the manufacturers only on the order and with the authority of the Director-General. Such orders shall include a direction for consecutive numbering of sheets with such numbers as the Director-General may authorize.

16. Paper for the printing of stamps shall, when received from the manufacturers, be counted by an officer deputed by the Director-General and by an officer deputed by the Controller and Auditor-General, and the said officers shall jointly certify to the Director-General and the Controller and Auditor-General the quantity received.

17. Paper for the printing of stamps shall be held in the custody of the Director-General, and the Director-General shall cause to be kept a register of the receipts and issues of all such paper.

18. Issues of stamp paper from the custody of the Director-General shall be made only on the requisition of the Custodian, who shall set out on such requisition particulars of the purpose for which the paper is required.

19. The paper issued in accordance with Regulation 18 shall be counted by an officer deputed by the Controller and Auditor-General and an officer deputed by the Director-General. The paper shall be held in safe custody by an officer deputed by the Director-General and shall be issued to an officer deputed by the Government Printer, who shall certify on the relative requisition that the paper referred to therein has been received.

20. The Government Printer shall cause to be forwarded to the Custodian all stamps printed, together with all sheets of stamp paper spoiled in the process of printing or considered by the Government Printer to be not suitable for printing, and such sheets or portions of sheets as are not used, and the Custodian of Stamps shall acknowledge receipt thereof in the form provided for that purpose. Sheets spoiled in the process of printing or considered to be not suitable for printing shall, before being forwarded to the Custodian, be overprinted by the Government Printer so as to be unusable for printing stamps and so as to deface any impressions of stamps that may have been printed thereon.

21. All sheets of stamp paper, spoiled or unsuitable, received from the Government Printer shall be destroyed by the Custodian or his deputy and an officer deputed by the Controller and Auditor-General. The said officers shall furnish to the Director-General and the Controller and Auditor-General certificates of the number and particulars of the sheets destroyed.

22. Make-ready pulls or trial runs from dies, plates, or other instruments shall be made only on paper on which the word "Specimen" has been printed in such a manner that every stamp on the sheet, when printed, will show the word "Specimen".

23. Specimen paper for the purpose stated in Regulation 22 shall be received into the Stamp-printing Branch only on the order and with the authority of the Director-General, and custody of such paper shall be as the Director-General in writing directs.

24. Specimen paper after use for make-ready pulls or trial runs shall be destroyed. The destruction shall be undertaken in a manner prescribed by the Director-General and approved by the Controller and Auditor-General.

25. No paper shall be received into the Stamp-printing Branch except under the conditions prescribed in these regulations or with the express permission in writing of the Director-General and the approval of the Controller and Auditor-General.

26. The stamp-paper stock held by the Director-General shall be subjected to audit by an officer deputed by the Controller and Auditor-General at least once in every twelve months from the date of enforcement of these regulations.

27. The Director-General shall furnish to the Controller and Auditor-General at the end of each calendar month a return of the number of sheets of paper (each type to be specified) received, issued, and on hand. The return is to be supported by the requisition of the Custodian for each issue and the receipt therefor of the officer deputed by the Government Printer for that purpose.

28. The Government Printer shall cause to be forwarded to the Director-General and to the Controller and Auditor-General at the end of each calendar month a return showing separately in respect of each type of stamp paper the number of sheets—

- (i) On hand at the beginning of the month :
- (ii) Received during the month :
- (iii) Forwarded to the Custodian during the month as—
  - (a) Printed with stamps for issue :
  - (b) Spoiled or unsuitable :
- (iv) On hand at the end of the month.

The Controller and Auditor-General's copy of the return shall be supported by the receipts given under Regulation 20 hereof.

#### ENTRY TO STAMP-PRINTING BRANCH.

29. No person shall be allowed access to the Stamp-printing Branch save under authority signed by the Director-General and countersigned by the Government Printer.

30. Notwithstanding Regulation 29, the Government Printer, officers under the control of the Government Printer and employed in the Stamp-printing Branch, officers deputed by the Controller and Auditor-General, and such officers of the Post and Telegraph Department as the Director-General shall authorize in writing addressed to the Government Printer shall be admitted to the Stamp-printing Branch, subject to the condition that the Government Printer may at any time in exercise of disciplinary powers direct that any member or members of the staff of the Government Printer employed in the Stamp-printing Branch shall be not allowed access to the Stamp-printing Branch.

## DISTRIBUTION OF STAMPS.

31. Subject to section 5 of the said Act, the Custodian shall issue stamps from his stock in such manner as the Director-General shall direct.

32. The issue of stamps by the Custodian shall be made only in satisfaction of a requisition in a form approved by the Director-General.

33. A copy of each requisition shall, when the relative stamps have been issued, be forwarded to the officer of the Department of Government responsible for the stamps.

34. A certificate of receipt for the value of the stamps received shall be furnished to the Custodian by all officers receiving stamps in satisfaction of requisitions forwarded to the Custodian.

35. The Custodian shall keep a register of all stamps received into and issued from his stock and of all stamps which may for reasons approved by the Director-General be destroyed.

36. The destruction of stamps held in the Custodian's stock shall be carried out by the Director-General or his deputy and an officer deputed by the Controller and Auditor-General.

## LICENSES TO DEAL IN STAMPS.

37. Persons licensed to deal in stamps under section 7 of the said Act shall obtain stocks of stamps direct from the Post and Telegraph Department and from no other source, except with the approval of the Director-General in writing.

38. Notwithstanding Regulation 37, a stamp-dealer may obtain stamps from sources other than the Post and Telegraph Department. For the purposes of this regulation a person licensed as a stamp-dealer shall be deemed to be a person trading in currently recognized and obsolete stamps with philatelists, and not solely in the sale of currently recognized stamps for use substantially for the purposes of postage and revenue.

39. (1) In this regulation the term "expiry date" means the 31st day of December in the year 1942 and in every alternate year thereafter.

(2) All licenses granted under the Stamp Duties Act, 1923, and in force upon the coming into operation of these regulations shall expire at the end of six weeks after the coming into operation of these regulations.

(3) All licenses hereafter granted under the said Act shall (except as hereinafter provided) continue in force until the next ensuing expiry date.

(4) Nevertheless a license granted within six weeks before an expiry date may be issued for a period to expire on the second ensuing expiry date after its commencement.

## ALLOWANCES FOR STAMPS DESTROYED OR WASTED BY ACCIDENT OR ERROR.

40. The Director-General may on the undermentioned conditions make allowances for stamps used or intended to be used for the purposes of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928, and destroyed, spoiled, or wasted by accident or error, but excluding stamps affixed to any

instrument to denote payment of duty under the Stamp Duties Act, 1923, or the Death Duties Act, 1921, or affixed or intended to be affixed to any document, register, or record to denote payment of any duty, fee, fine, or penalty under any other Act :—

- (a) Application shall be made on form Acct. 99A obtainable at permanent post-offices :
- (b) Applications from Government Departments shall be signed by a responsible officer of the Department concerned :
- (c) “ Official ” stamps, meaning stamps overprinted “ Official ” for general use by Government Departments or distinctive stamps issued solely for the use of particular Government Departments, shall be repurchased from Government Departments only :
- (d) The Director-General, before making any allowance under these regulations, shall be satisfied that the stamps offered for repurchase have not been used for any purpose of revenue and that the stamps are of issues currently valid for the use of the revenue :
- (e) Upon every repurchase of stamps, except stamps repurchased from Government Departments, there shall be made a charge of 5 per cent. of the value of the stamps repurchased, with a minimum charge of 3d.

#### PENALTIES.

41. Every person committing a breach of any of the foregoing regulations is liable to a fine not exceeding £50 without prejudice to his liability to any other penalty which may be elsewhere prescribed.

C. A. JEFFERY,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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