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THE COOK ISLANDS CENSUS REGULATIONS 1951

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 25th day of
July, 1951

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Cook Islands Act, 1915, 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 Cook Islands Census Regulations 1951.
2. (1) These regulations shall be in force in all parts of the Cook Islands including the island of Niue.
(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "the night of the census" means the night between sunset on Tuesday, the 25th day of September, 1951, and sunrise on the following day.
3. These regulations shall apply only to the census hereby directed to be taken.
4. A census shall be taken in the Cook Islands on Thursday, the 27th day of September, 1951; and the particulars to be obtained at the census shall relate to midnight between Tuesday, the 25th day of September, 1951, and Wednesday, the 26th day of September, 1951.
5. For the purpose of taking the census a Resident Commissioner or Resident Agent may assign duties to such officers as are required.
6. For the purpose of these regulations a dwelling means any building or erection, whether permanent or temporary, which is wholly or partly used for human habitation, and includes a vessel at any island of the Cook Islands or on a passage between any two of those islands.
7. The census of Europeans shall be taken by means of schedules comprising both covering schedules and personal schedules and containing particulars which shall be furnished by the occupier or person in charge of every dwelling in which any European who was alive at midnight on the night of the census abode on that night, or at or to which any European who was not included in the census elsewhere arrived or returned after midnight on that night and before midnight on the next following night.

8. The occupier or person in charge of every such dwelling shall ensure that the particulars required by the schedules are furnished with respect to—

- (a) Every European who abode in the dwelling on the night of the census and who was alive at midnight on that night; and
- (b) Every European who arrived at or returned to the dwelling after midnight on that night and before midnight on the next following night and who was not included in the census elsewhere.

9. Every European (not being the occupier or person in charge of the dwelling) shall furnish to the occupier or person in charge of the dwelling the particulars necessary to complete the schedules or shall complete a personal schedule and deliver it to the occupier or person in charge.

10. The particulars, which shall be obtained by means of the said schedules, shall be as follows:—

(a) Covering Schedule—

- (i) Nature of establishment:
- (ii) Name of island in which situated:
- (iii) Number of Europeans of each sex who abode in the dwelling on the night of the census and who were alive at midnight on that night, or who arrived at or returned to the dwelling after midnight on that night and before midnight on the next following night and were not included in the census elsewhere:
- (iv) Name of every person for whom a personal schedule is attached.

(b) Personal Schedule—

- (i) Full name:
- (ii) Relationship to head of household:
- (iii) Sex:
- (iv) Age:
- (v) Marital status:
- (vi) Number of living children under the age of sixteen years:
- (vii) Birthplace:
- (viii) Nationalty:
- (ix) Duration of residence in the Cook Islands:
- (x) Racial origin:
- (xi) Industry, profession, or occupation:
- (xii) Name of employer:
- (xiii) Religion:
- (xiv) Usual place of residence:
- (xv) War service in armed forces.

11. The census of Natives shall be taken and recorded in sub-enumeration books by officers appointed for that purpose.

12. The particulars which shall be obtained from Natives shall be as follows:—

- (a) Name:
- (b) Sex:
- (c) Age:
- (d) Racial origin:
- (e) Birthplace:
- (f) Name of village or district where living at the census:

(g) Occupation :

(h) Religion :

(i) Ability to read or write in English or in the Native language of the island in which he abode on the night of the census.

13. If any person, whether European or Native, objects to stating his religion, an entry or statement of objection shall be sufficient for the purpose of the census.

14. Every officer appointed for the purpose of the census may ask such questions and conduct such inquiries as are necessary to obtain or to verify the particulars set out in regulations 10 and 12 hereof.

15. In any case in which the prescription of particulars hereinbefore contained is insufficient completely to indicate the nature of the information to be furnished, a Resident Commissioner or Resident Agent shall have power to direct by means of instructions contained in a census schedule or sub-enumeration book the precise nature of the particulars required.

16. Any person who neglects or refuses to furnish any census schedule as aforesaid or to answer any questions lawfully put to him for the purposes of the census, or who knowingly makes any statements or gives any answer untrue in any material particular required by these regulations, commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £50.

17. Any person who without lawful authority destroys, mutilates, or defaces a census schedule or other census document of record commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £50.

18. Any officer appointed to any duty in connection with the census or any other person who divulges or makes use of any information obtained pursuant to these regulations except as required for the preparation of statistics from the data obtained at the census commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £50.

19. Any person who hinders or obstructs any officer in pursuance of his duty under these regulations commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.

20. A Resident Commissioner appointed under the Cook Islands Act, 1915, may prepare from the data obtained at the census such statistics as may be required for his purposes and may publish such statistics and such comments thereon as he deems necessary or advisable.

21. The Cook Islands Census Regulations 1945* are hereby revoked.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

* *Gazette*, 27th September, 1945, Vol. III, page 1181.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

[*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*]

These regulations provide for the taking of a census in the Cook Islands as at midnight between the 25th and 26th of September, 1951.

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