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THE COOK ISLANDS CENSUS REGULATIONS 1956

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 5th day of September 1956

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, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Cook Islands Census Regulations 1956.
2. These regulations shall be in force in all parts of the Cook Islands including the Island of Niue.
3. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - “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:
 - “Night of the census” means the night between sunset on Tuesday the 25th day of September 1956 and sunrise on the following day.
4. These regulations shall apply only to the census hereby directed to be taken.
5. A census shall be taken in the Cook Islands on Thursday the 27th day of September 1956; and the particulars to be obtained at the census shall relate to midnight between Tuesday the 25th day of September 1956 and Wednesday the 26th day of September 1956.
6. For the purpose of taking the census a Resident Commissioner or Resident Agent may assign duties to such officers as are required.
7. The census shall be taken by means of the schedules provided in regulation 10 hereof and containing particulars which shall be furnished by the occupier or person in charge of every dwelling with respect to every person who abode in the dwelling on the night of the census and who was alive at midnight or who, not being already included in any other census schedule, arrived in that dwelling after midnight on the night of the census 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 person who abode in the dwelling on the night of the census and who was alive at midnight; and
- (b) Every person who arrived at the dwelling after midnight on that night and before midnight on the next following night and who was not included in any other census schedule.

9. Every person (not being the occupier or person in charge of the dwelling)—

- (a) Shall furnish to the occupier or person in charge of the dwelling the particulars necessary to complete the household schedule; or
- (b) If he is not a member of the family of the occupier or person in charge, shall either furnish those particulars to the occupier or person in charge or complete a personal schedule and deliver it to the occupier or person in charge, who shall insert in the household schedule the name of the person completing the personal schedule:

Provided that the person completing a personal schedule may, if he so wishes, enclose it in an envelope endorsed with his name and seal the envelope before delivery to the occupier or person in charge; and if the occupier or person in charge opens any such envelope he commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding £50.

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

(a) Enumerators' Compilation Schedule—

- (i) Name of village:
- (ii) Number of schedule for dwelling:
- (iii) Name of head of household:
- (iv) Date when enumerated:
- (v) Date when checked:
- (vi) Number of persons in dwelling (males and females):

(b) Household or Personal Schedule—

- (i) Name in full:
- (ii) Relationship to head of household:
- (iii) Sex:
- (iv) Age:
- (v) Total number of children living or dead born to every female fifteen years of age or over and her age when first child was born:
- (vi) Marital status:
- (vii) Place of birth:
- (viii) Date of birth:
- (ix) Racial origin:
- (x) Religion:
- (xi) Occupation.

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

12. 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 specified in regulation 10 hereof.

13. In any case in which the prescription of particulars hereinbefore specified is insufficient 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.

14. 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 is liable to a fine not exceeding £50.

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

16. 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 is liable to a fine not exceeding £50.

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

18. 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.

19. The Cook Islands Census Regulations 1951* are hereby revoked.

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

*S.R. 1951/172

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 25 and 26 September 1956, and prescribe the method of taking that census.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Island Territories.