

**1975/38**

**THE ELECTRICITY CONTROL ORDER 1948,  
AMENDMENT NO. 9**

PURSUANT to the Electricity Act 1968 and the Electricity Control Regulations 1949\*, the General Manager of the New Zealand Electricity Department hereby makes the following order.

**ORDER**

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This order may be cited as the Electricity Control Order 1948, Amendment No. 9, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electricity Control Order 1948† (hereinafter referred to as the principal order).

(2) This order shall come into force on the 14th day of March 1975.

**2. Restrictions on public lighting**—The principal order is hereby amended by inserting, after Part IV, the following Part:

**“PART IVA—RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC LIGHTING**

“13A. (1) Each of the following uses of electricity (each being a use that in the opinion of the General Manager it is necessary to prevent) is hereby prohibited:

“(a) Lighting for advertising purposes:

“(b) Floodlighting of buildings:

“(c) Decorative lighting:

“(d) Illuminated signs, unless essential for safety or directional needs:

“(e) The lighting of shop windows.

“(2) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1) of this clause, there may be displayed by way of illumination in, at, or associated with—

“(a) Any shop within the meaning of the Shops and Offices Act 1955 (other than an hotel) and any premises open to the public for entertainment, recreation, or service (other than an hotel), not more than one illuminated sign relating to the business of that shop or those premises if the sign is illuminated only during the normal opening hours of that shop or those premises; and

“(b) Any hotel, not more than one illuminated sign relating to the business of the hotel if the sign is illuminated only between 4 p.m. and midnight on any day; and

\*S.R. 1949/190

†S.R. 1948/55

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1954/76

Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1957/169

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1959/98

Amendment No. 4: (Revoked by S.R. 1973/228)

Amendment No. 5: (Revoked by S.R. 1973/240)

Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1973/240

Amendment No. 7: (Revoked by S.R. 1974/209)

Amendment No. 8: S.R. 1974/209

“(c) Any shop within the meaning of the Shops and Offices Act 1955, shop window lighting from 4 p.m. on any day to the normal hour of closure on that day; and

“(d) Any building or place, other than those referred to in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) of this subclause, external illuminated signs for advertising purposes between the hours of 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. on any day except Saturday and Sunday.

“(3) Nothing in subclause (1) or subclause (2) of this clause shall prohibit the use in respect of any building or place of any lighting that is essential for the safety of life or property, but the lighting shall be the minimum necessary for this purpose.

“(4) Exemption from the provisions of subclause (1) may be granted, following prior application, to a defined group of consumers for particular occasions or to single consumers either generally or for a specified period, if severe hardship can be shown to result from the application of this clause.

“(5) For the purposes of this clause the term ‘hotel’ means any premises in which accommodation is provided for the travelling public and does not include a tavern.”

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of March 1975.

P. W. BLAKELEY,  
General Manager,  
New Zealand Electricity Department.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order, which comes into force on 14 March 1975, amends the Electricity Control Order 1948, and prohibits the use of electricity for advertising, flood-lighting, decorative lighting, illuminated signs (other than for safety or directional needs), and lighting shop windows, subject to certain exemptions as defined. Lighting which is used in respect of any building or place and which is essential for the protection of life or property is not prohibited but is to be restricted to the minimum necessary for this purpose. Provision is made for further exemptions following prior application in cases of severe hardship.

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Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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This order is administered in the New Zealand Electricity Department.