

## Serial Number 1948/151



**THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY REGULATIONS 1935,  
AMENDMENT NO. 7**

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 22nd day of  
September, 1948

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Public Works Act, 1928, and the Electricity Act, 1945, 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 Electrical Supply Regulations 1935, Amendment No. 7.
2. These regulations shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electrical Supply Regulations 1935\* (hereinafter called the principal regulations).
3. Regulation 11-02 of the principal regulations is hereby amended—
  - (a) By inserting, next before the definition of “ Aerial conductor ” the following definition :—
 

“ ‘ Adaptor ’ means a device for electrically connecting an appliance to a lamp-holder ” :
  - (b) By inserting, next following the definition of “ Aerial conductor ”, the following definition :—
 

“ ‘ Appliance ’ means a device in which electrical energy is converted into light, heat, motion, or any other form of energy, or is substantially changed in its electrical character ” :

\* *Gazette*, 6th September, 1935, Vol. III, page 2496.

Amendment No. 1: *Gazette*, 13th February, 1936, Vol. I, page 266.

Amendment No. 2: Statutory Regulations 1938, Serial number 1938/2, page 6.

Amendment No. 3: Statutory Regulations 1942, Serial number 1942/237, page 588.

Amendment No. 4: Statutory Regulations 1942, Serial number 1942/258, page 628.

Amendment No. 5: Statutory Regulations 1943, Serial number 1943/160, page 359.

Amendment No. 6: Statutory Regulations 1945, Serial number 1945/124, page 299.

- (c) By inserting, next following the definition of "Minister", the following definition :—

" ' Portable appliance ' means an appliance capable of being readily moved where established practice or the conditions of use make it necessary or convenient for it to be detached by means of a flexible cord and plug or adaptor from any source from which electrical energy is available."

4. Regulation 12-13 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

" 12-13. (1) In any case where the General Manager, upon application being made to him in writing by any person, electrical supply authority, or licensee who intends to erect or construct or alter any electric line or work or who is under any obligation imposed by these regulations to do any act, perform any service, or make any inspection, including any inspection and test required under Regulation 51-43 hereof, is satisfied that strict compliance with the requirements of these regulations would involve expenditure out of proportion to the degree of freedom from electrical hazard to be secured by such compliance, or would not be reasonably possible, he may modify, relax, or grant exemption from such requirements if satisfied that reasonable freedom from electrical hazard is likely to continue to exist or can otherwise be secured, and that any modification, relaxation, or exemption granted as aforesaid would not cause or permit any undue lowering of the standard of construction and maintenance of any electric line or work.

" (2) Every such application shall be accompanied by a full statement of the reasons why such modification, relaxation, or exemption is desired, and of the nature thereof.

" (3) In granting any such modification, relaxation, or exemption, the General Manager shall specify what special work (if any) he requires to be done to render any electric line or work reasonably free from electrical hazard, and may impose any other reasonable conditions or qualifications he may think fit.

" (4) Any such modification, relaxation, or exemption may be general or special, and may be rescinded by the General Manager at any time."

5. Regulation 48-03 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

" 48-03. The licensee shall not commence a supply of electrical energy to any new installation which does not at the time of inspection prior to the commencement of supply comply with the requirements of these regulations and of the Electrical Wiring Regulations 1935, or in respect of which the requirements of the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Act, 1925, have not been complied with."

6. Regulation 51-41 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

" 51-41. Every consumer shall at all reasonable times, including any times during the progress of installation, alteration, or addition, render the electrical supply authority every reasonable facility for inspecting and testing the whole of the fixed wiring on the consumer's premises and any equipment or appliance thereon."

7. Regulation 51-43 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

“ 51-43. (1) For the purpose of ascertaining whether a consumer's installation is free from electrical hazard, the electrical supply authority shall, subject to any modification, relaxation, or exemption made or granted under Regulation 12-13 hereof, make, at intervals of not more than eight years, inspections and tests of the whole of the fixed wiring on the consumer's premises and of any equipment or appliance thereon that is not a portable appliance.

“ (2) In the event of strict and punctual compliance with this regulation being impossible by reason of war, strike, lockout, trade dispute, combination of workmen affecting electrical trades, national emergency, or any other circumstance beyond the control of the electrical supply authority, then and in any such case it shall be sufficient compliance if the electrical supply authority exercises every effort to comply with this regulation in the fullest degree possible and at the earliest possible date.”

8. Regulation 52-03 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

“ 52-03. (1) (a) If as the result of any inspection or test any defect is found in any portion of the fixed wiring on any consumer's premises or in any equipment or appliance permanently connected with such fixed wiring, the licensee shall immediately notify the consumer in writing of such defect, and require him to have it remedied within a reasonable time, to be stated in such notice.

“ (b) If the consumer fails to comply with such notice to the satisfaction of the licensee, the licensee shall forthwith discontinue to supply such portion of the fixed wiring or such permanently connected equipment or appliance, as the case may be.

“ (c) Where, in the opinion of the Inspector, any such defect creates an electrical hazard, the licensee shall forthwith discontinue to supply such portion of such fixed wiring or such permanently connected equipment or appliance, as the case may be.

“ (d) The licensee shall not, in any case, recommence supply until the defects on account of which supply was discontinued have been remedied to his satisfaction.

“ (2) (a) If, as the result of any inspection or test, any defect is found in any appliance connected, or intended to be connected, or reasonably capable of being connected (but in no case connected permanently), with the fixed wiring, the licensee shall affix to such appliance a clearly legible notice warning against its use until the defects have been remedied.

“ (b) If any person removes any such warning notice or uses any such appliance with any such warning notice affixed thereto before the defects have been remedied to the satisfaction of the licensee, he commits an offence against these regulations.

“ (3) This regulation is subject always to the provisions of Regulation 51-45.”

9. Regulation 71-06 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked.

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