

**Serial Number 1950/163**

**THE TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS 1939, AMENDMENT NO. 6**

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government House at Wellington, this 27th day of  
September, 1950

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928, 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 Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 6, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Telegraph Regulations 1939\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

2. Regulation 2 : 3-1 of the principal regulations, as substituted by regulation 4 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 3, is hereby amended by omitting from the proviso the words " or addressed to a telephone subscriber at an office at which the telephone exchange is in attendance."

3. (1) Regulation 2 : 7-1 of the principal regulations, as substituted by regulation 5 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 3, is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

" 2 : 7-1. Telegrams shall be delivered from telegraph offices free of any special delivery charges during the hours and within the distances publicly notified from time to time by the Minister of Telegraphs."

(2) Regulation 5 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 3, regulation 5 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 4, and regulation 4 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 5, are hereby consequentially revoked.

4. (1) Regulation 2 : 7-2 of the principal regulations, as amended by regulation 6 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 4, is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

" 2 : 7-2. A delivery charge of 1s. a mile, or fraction thereof, shall be payable for the delivery of telegrams beyond the limits of the free delivery area."

\* Statutory Regulations 1939, Serial number 1939/95, page 469.

Amendment No. 1 : Statutory Regulations 1939, Serial number 1939/190, page 778.

Amendment No. 2 : Statutory Regulations 1940, Serial number 1940/2, page 4.

Amendment No. 3 : Statutory Regulations 1940, Serial number 1940/190, page 610.

Amendment No. 4 : Statutory Regulations 1942, Serial number 1942/80, page 174.

Amendment No. 5 : Statutory Regulations 1947, Serial number 1947/83, page 317.

(2) Regulation 6 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 4, is hereby consequentially revoked.

5. The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 2 : 7-2, the following regulation :—

“ 2 : 7-3. Telegrams to be delivered by hand or to be telephoned to the addressee outside the hours of telegraph attendance of the office of destination, and all telegrams lodged after 6 p.m. on weekdays and to be delivered by hand or to be telephoned to the addressee the same day, shall be paid for at the urgent rate.”

6. The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, next following section 2 : 12, the following section :—

“ SECTION 2 : 13—LANGUAGE AND COUNTING : INLAND AND OVERSEA  
TELEGRAMS

“ 2 : 13-1. Telegrams may be expressed in either plain or secret language, except that secret language may not be used in telegrams to countries which do not admit private telegrams in secret language. These languages may be used alone or together in the same telegram. Except in the case of Government telegrams, the sender shall be bound to produce the code from which the text of a secret telegram has been compiled if the office of origin requests it.

“ 2 : 13-2. *Plain language* shall be that which presents an intelligible meaning in one or more of the languages admitted for international telegraph correspondence, including Esperanto, each word and each expression having the meaning normally assigned to it in the language to which it belongs. The words must be expressed in Roman characters.

“ 2 : 13-3. Telegrams in plain language shall be those of which the text is entirely written in plain language. The character of a telegram in plain language shall not, however, be changed by the presence of—

“ (a) Numbers written in letters or in figures or groups composed of either letters or figures, provided that these numbers and groups have no secret meaning :

“ (b) Prearranged or abridged addresses :

“ (c) Commercial marks, industrial marks, designations of merchandise, standard technical terms serving to designate machinery or machine parts, reference numbers or indications, and other expressions of the same kind, provided that these marks, designations, technical terms, reference numbers or indications and expressions appear in a catalogue available to the public, or in a price list, invoice, bill of lading, or similar document. Any such marks, designations, terms and expressions, reference numbers or indications may, by way of exception, be made up of letters, figures, and signs :

“ (d) Exchange and market quotations :

“ (e) Groups representing meteorological observations or forecasts :

“ (f) Abridged expressions currently used in ordinary or commercial correspondence :

“ (g) A check word or number placed at the beginning of the text and not exceeding five letters or five figures in length.

“ 2 : 13-4. *Secret language* shall be composed of—

“ (a) Artificial words composed exclusively of letters ; any such words shall not exceed five letters in length :

“(b) Real words not used with the meaning normally assigned to them in the language to which they belong and consequently not forming intelligible phrases in one or more of the languages admitted for telegraph correspondence in plain language :

“(c) Arabic figures, groups or series of Arabic figures having a secret meaning :

“(d) Words, names, expressions, or combinations of letters not fulfilling the conditions laid down for plain language :

“(e) A mixture of the words and expressions mentioned under paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this regulation.

“2 : 13-5. Telegrams in secret language shall be those of which the text contains one or more words belonging to this class of language.

“2 : 13-6. Words in secret language may not contain accented letters.

“2 : 13-7. Telegrams in secret language shall be charged for at the ordinary or urgent rate, as the case may be.

“2 : 13-8. The mixture in one group (in the text of a telegram) of figures and letters or signs having a secret meaning shall not be admitted. The groups of letters indicated in regulation 2 : 13-3 hereof shall not, however, be considered as having a secret meaning.

“2 : 13-9. In a telegram in which the text is written either in plain language or in secret language—

“(a) Each word appearing in a standard dictionary of one of the languages admitted for international telegraph correspondence, each word in common use in one of those languages, and each authorized compound shall be counted respectively at the rate of fifteen characters to the word, plus one word for each fifteen characters or fraction of fifteen characters in excess. A registered code address shall be entitled to pass as plain language in the text or signature as well as in the address :

“(b) The commercial marks and other designations referred to in regulation 2 : 13-3 hereof shall be counted at the rate of one chargeable word for each five characters, plus one word for each five characters or fraction of five characters in excess. If one of these marks or designations is denoted by a real word, it shall be regarded in the word count as a plain language word and counted accordingly :

“(c) The multiplication sign ‘×’, which, during transmission is replaced by the letter ‘X’, shall be counted as a character in the group in which it appears.

“2 : 13-10. Each word not fulfilling the conditions defined by regulation 2 : 13-9 hereof shall be counted at the rate of five characters to the word, plus one word for each five characters or fraction of five characters in excess.

“2 : 13-11. Each separate letter or figure shall be charged for as one word ; groups of five figures or fractional parts of five figures shall be counted as one word. Groups exceeding five figures shall be counted at the rate of five figures to a chargeable word, plus one word for each five figures or fraction in excess.”

7. (1) Regulation 3 : 1-1 of the principal regulations, as substituted by regulation 5 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 1, is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

“ 3 : 1-1. The charges for the transmission of telegrams from any station to any station in New Zealand (except from or to a station in Chatham Islands) shall be as follows :—

“ *Ordinary Telegrams*

“ For the first 8 words or less, including address and signature .. .. .	s. d.
.. .. .	1 0
“ For every additional word .. .. .	0 1

“ *Letter Telegrams*

“ For the first 22 words or less, including address and signature .. .. .	1 3
“ For every additional 2 words or fraction thereof	0 1

“ *Urgent Telegrams*

“ The rates shall be as for ordinary telegrams, plus, in the case of each urgent telegram, an extra charge of 8d., irrespective of the number of words contained in the message.

“ *Sundays and Holidays*

“ On Sundays and departmental holidays as hereinafter defined and on Good Friday, Anzac Day, and Christmas Day the charges shall be as follows :—

“ (i) *Ordinary Telegrams*—

“ For the first 8 words or less, including address and signature .. .. .	s. d.
.. .. .	1 6
“ For every additional word .. .. .	0 1½

“ (ii) *Urgent Telegrams*—

“ For the first 8 words or less, including address and signature .. .. .	2 2
“ For every additional word .. .. .	0 1½

“ *Telegrams Exchanged with Chatham Islands*

“ The charge for the transmission of a telegram to or from the mainland of New Zealand from or to Chatham Islands shall be as under :—

“ Ordinary ..	3d. a word.
“ Letter telegram ..	1½d. a word ; minimum, 2s. 9d. for 22 words.”

(2) Regulation 5 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 1, regulation 6 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 3, and regulation 5 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 5, are hereby consequentially revoked.

8. Regulation 3 : 2-1 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the word “ six ”, and substituting the word “ eight ”.

9. Regulation 3 : 7-2 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked.

10. Section 3 : 10 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked.

11. Regulation 3 : 11-1 of the principal regulations, as inserted by regulation 10 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 4, is hereby amended by adding the words "at the following rates :  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each word, with a minimum charge of 6d."

12. Section 4 : 2 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked.

13. Section 4 : 3 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the heading "Acknowledgment of Receipt", and substituting the heading "Notification of Delivery".

14. Regulation 4 : 3-2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words "Acknowledgment of Receipt", and substituting the words "Notification of Delivery"; and by omitting the words "The notification of delivery of a CDE telegram shall be charged for at the full rate".

15. Regulation 4 : 3-3 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words "Postal acknowledgment of receipt", and substituting the words "Postal notification of delivery".

16. Regulation 4 : 4-1 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

"4 : 4-1. Priority of transmission and delivery of a telegram may be obtained by writing the paid service indication = Urgent = before the address and by paying double the charge for an ordinary telegram of the same length sent over the same route."

17. Regulation 4 : 7-3 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words "The collating charge for a CDE telegram, however, shall be equal to one half of the CDE rate"; and by omitting the words "Repetition paid", and substituting the word "Collation".

18. Regulation 4 : 8-1 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words "sum of 5d.", and substituting the words "sum of 3d."

19. Section 4 : 11 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked.

20. Section 4 : 12 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following section substituted :—

#### " SECTION 4 : 12—LETTER TELEGRAMS

"4 : 12-1. The sender of a telegram to a place in any country beyond New Zealand which admits letter telegrams may obtain a reduction of one half of the ordinary word rate, with a minimum charge as for twenty-two words :

" Provided that the telegram conforms to the conditions hereinafter set forth in this section.

"4 : 12-2. The sender of a letter telegram shall insert before the address the paid service indication = LT =. This indication shall be counted in the number of words and charged for.

"4 : 12-3. The text of a letter telegram shall be written entirely in plain language.

"4 : 12-4. Letter telegrams shall be written in one of the languages chosen from those admitted in plain language.

"4 : 12-5. When the delivery office observes that a telegram bearing the paid service indication = LT = does not comply with the foregoing conditions, the addressee shall be required to pay the difference between the letter telegram rate and the ordinary rate.

“ 4 : 12-6. Letter telegrams shall be transmitted only after all other classes of telegrams.

“ 4 : 12-7. A letter telegram shall not be delivered until after 8 a.m. local time on the date following that of lodgment, except that—

“ (a) If the application of this condition would result in a letter telegram receiving substantially the same service as an ordinary telegram, the letter telegram may not be delivered until after 2 p.m. local time on the date following that of lodgment or on the second day after 8 a.m. :

“ (b) If the application of this condition would delay the delivery of a letter telegram by more than twenty-four hours, the letter telegram may be delivered after 2 p.m. local time on the date of lodgment.”

21. Section 4 : 13 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked.

22. Section 4 : 14 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the heading “ Empire Greetings Telegrams ”, and substituting the heading “ Commonwealth Social Telegrams ”.

23. Regulation 4 : 14-1 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

“ 4 : 14-1. Telegrams to places in any country beyond New Zealand to which the Commonwealth social telegram service is available shall be accepted for transmission at charges publicly notified from time to time by the Minister of Telegraphs, provided that the telegram conforms to the conditions hereinafter in this section set forth.”

24. (1) Regulation 4 : 14-3 of the principal regulations as heretofore amended is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

“ 4 : 14-3. A social telegram shall be written in plain language, in one and the same language chosen from among those admitted in plain language, but may contain a registered code address.”

(2) Regulation 9 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 1, and regulation 8 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 5, are hereby consequentially revoked.

25. Regulation 4 : 14-4 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the word “ greetings ” where it first occurs, and substituting the word “ social ”.

26. Regulation 4 : 14-5 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words “ greetings telegram provided that the total number of groups of figures does not exceed one third of the chargeable number of words in the text and signature ”, and substituting the words “ social telegram ”.

27. Regulation 4 : 14-6 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following regulation substituted :—

“ 4 : 14-6. A social telegram shall be delivered in accordance with the conditions in force for letter telegrams.”

28. Regulation 4 : 14-7 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the word “ greetings ”, and substituting the word “ social ”.

29. Section 4 : 15 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following section substituted :—

#### “ SECTION 4 : 15—PRESS TELEGRAMS

“ 4 : 15-1. Telegrams of which the texts consist of information and news intended for publication in newspapers and other periodical publications, or for radio broadcasting, shall be admitted as press telegrams.

“ 4 : 15-2. Any such telegram shall bear at the beginning of the address the paid service indication = Press =, and shall be subject to a minimum charge as for ten words.

“ 4 : 15-3. Press telegrams shall be addressed only to newspapers, periodicals, Government or press news agencies, or authorized radio broadcasting companies, organizations, or stations, and not by name to a person connected with the management of a publication, news agency, or broadcasting company, organization, or station.

“ 4 : 15-4. Press telegrams shall contain only matter intended for publication or broadcasting and instructions relative thereto. The number of words of instructions in any one message may not be more than 10 per cent of the number of chargeable words in the text, or exceed twenty words in all.

“ 4 : 15-5. Press telegrams shall be expressed in plain language in one of the languages admitted for international telegraph correspondence in plain language chosen from among the following languages :—

“ (a) French :

“ (b) The language of the newspaper, periodical, publication, or news agency bulletin to which the telegram is addressed or the language in which the radio broadcast is carried out :

“ (c) The national language or languages of the country of origin or destination.

“ 4 : 15-6. Press messages may be accepted as urgent. Any such telegrams shall bear at the beginning of the address the paid service indications = Urgent = and = Press =.

“ 4 : 15-7. Multiple press telegrams shall not be accepted for any country which does not admit multiple telegrams. In the case of multiple press messages to countries which permit them the charges shall be prepaid, being assessed at the press rate per word, plus a copying fee of 10d. up to fifty words, and 5d. for each additional fifty words or fraction thereof, for each copy to be supplied.”

**30.** Section 4 : 16 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked.

**31.** Regulation 4 : 18-1 of the principal regulations is hereby amended as follows :—

(a) By omitting the word “ Eighteen ” from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (d), and substituting the word “ Twelve ” :

(b) By omitting the words “ a CDE telegram ” from the same subparagraph :

(c) By omitting the word “ Thirty-six ” from subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d), and substituting the word “ Twenty-four ” :

(d) By omitting the word “ three ” from paragraph (l), and substituting the word “ four ”.

**32.** Regulation 4 : 18-6 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the word “ three ”, and substituting the word “ four ”.

**33.** Regulation 5 : 1-4 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words “ International Bureau of the Telecommunication Union, at Berne ”, and substituting the words “ General Secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union, at Geneva ”.

34. (1) Regulation 5 : 3-1 of the principal regulations, as amended by regulation 10 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 1, and by regulation 10 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 5, is hereby further amended by omitting the words " with the addition of 2d. a message ", and by revoking item No. (5) in the first column in the table and substituting the following item :—

" (5) To any ship engaged in the Wellington-Lyttelton steamer express service, the Wellington-Nelson ferry service, and the Wellington-Picton ferry service, and to any ship, whilst on Government service, voyaging between New Zealand ports or between New Zealand controlled lighthouses or depots."

(2) Regulation 10 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 1, and regulation 10 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 5, are hereby consequentially revoked.

35. Regulations 5 : 3-4 and 5 : 3-5 of the principal regulations, and regulation 11 of the Telegraph Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 5, are hereby revoked.

36. Section 5 : 4 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked.

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

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations increase the rates for inland telegrams and make provision for changes to the conditions governing oversea telegrams consequent upon the revision of the International Telegraph Regulations undertaken at Paris in 1949. These regulations give effect also to other machinery changes of an unimportant nature which have been made since the Telegraph Regulations 1939 were last amended in 1947.

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