

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 22 of 1927.

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It is hereby notified for general information that under the provisions of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Radio Proclamation No. 10 of 1927, His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to make the following Regulations for Radio "Broadcasting" and Listening and Amateur Radio Experimenting in the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

By Command of His Excellency the High Commissioner.

SHIRLEY EALES,  
Acting Imperial Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office, Capetown,  
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PART I.

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*The Broadcaster.*

1. "Broadcaster" means a person licensed by the Postmaster-General to perform broadcasting.

2. "Broadcasting" means the sending out by radio of any message for the information, education, or entertainment of listeners.

3. A broadcaster shall establish at his own expense as soon as possible after his licence is granted a broadcasting station with machinery approved by the Postmaster-General of adequate power to ensure a satisfactory broadcasting service in the opinion of the Postmaster-General.

4. A broadcaster shall comply with such conditions not in conflict with these Regulations as the Postmaster-General may from time to time communicate to him.

5. A broadcasting licence shall continue in force for a period of five years, and at the end of the fourth year after its issue the broadcaster shall intimate in writing to the Postmaster-General whether he intends to apply for a renewal of the licence. Upon application made not less than three months before the expiry of the licence, the Postmaster-General may grant a renewal of it for such period and on such terms and conditions as he may decide, or he may, in his discretion, refuse any such application for renewal.

6. A broadcaster shall carry out a regular service lasting in the total for a period prescribed in the licence, consisting of a programme of music, entertainment, instruction, public announcements, and other matter which shall be approved by the Postmaster-General.

7. A broadcaster shall, at the request of the Postmaster-General, broadcast matter for public purposes in addition to the ordinary programme.

8. The licence of a broadcaster may be withdrawn by the Postmaster-General—

(a) if he fails, within a period to be determined by the Postmaster-General, to commence a broadcasting service which, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, is adequate;

- (b) if, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, an inadequate service is being given at any time; or
- (c) if he ceases to give such service for a period of one week; or
- (d) if he continues to broadcast any matter or information of any class which the Postmaster-General considers objectionable and has requested him not to broadcast; or
- (e) if, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, the service is being conducted in an improper manner; or
- (f) if a broadcaster infringes the provisions of section *eighteen* of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Radio Proclamation, 1927, or any provision of these regulations or any condition imposed thereunder or any term or condition of his licence; or
- (g) if any emergency arises which renders withdrawal desirable in the opinion of the Postmaster-General.

9. On the withdrawal of a licence the position shall be as prescribed in section *sixteen* of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Radio Proclamation, 1927.

10. A broadcaster shall have the right to hire out receiving sets.

11. A broadcaster shall have the right to make contracts with advertisers to disseminate advertising matter, and make charges therefor, provided that advertisements shall not be broadcasted for more than 10 per cent. of the total daily broadcasting time, or for more than six minutes continuously in any hour without the written permission of the Postmaster-General.

12. A broadcaster shall keep proper books of accounts concerning all capital operating and maintenance expenditure of the broadcasting system, showing the net profits after allowing for interest on capital expended, sinking fund, and depreciation of the plant, taking into account obsolescence. Such books shall be open for inspection by any officer authorized by the Postmaster-General at any reasonable time.

13. A broadcaster shall not broadcast any news but purely local news or information in the nature of local news, except such as is referred to in regulation No. 7, unless obtained from or authorized under agreement with the publisher of a newspaper or news agency.

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## PART 2.

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### *The Listener.*

14. "Listener" means a person who uses apparatus to receive broadcasting or other radio signals.

15. (a) No person shall possess, erect, maintain, or use radio receiving apparatus until he has obtained a listener's licence.

(b) The listener's licence shall be available for twelve months from the date of issue, and may, at the discretion of the Postmaster-General, be renewed on payment of the fees prescribed for a licence.

(c) Any person desiring to obtain a listener's licence shall make application to a postmaster of a money order office.

16. Any type of receiving apparatus may be used by the listener, provided that reaction shall not be employed to an extent sufficient to cause interference with other listeners.

17. The fees for a listener's licence, inclusive of the fees to the broadcaster, shall be paid annually in advance, or in such instalments as may be arranged at the following rates per annum:—

	Within 50 Miles Radius of the nearest Broadcasting Station.	Beyond 50, but not exceeding 100 Miles.	Beyond 100, but not exceeding 250 Miles.	Beyond 250 Miles.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Private residence.....	1 15 0	1 5 0	0 15 0	0 7 6
Bona fide radio clubs.....	1 15 0	1 5 0	0 15 0	0 7 6
Trade demonstration licence....	1 15 0	1 5 0	0 15 0	0 7 6
Boarding establishments.....	3 5 0	2 15 0	2 5 0	1 15 0
Cafés, restaurants, or hotels not licensed for the sale of liquor	4 5 0	3 15 0	3 5 0	2 15 0
Hotels and other premises licensed for the sale of liquor.....	5 5 0	4 15 0	4 5 0	3 15 0
Licensed clubs— Not exceeding 250 members..	5 5 0	4 15 0	4 5 0	3 15 0
For each additional 250 mem- bers.....	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Public entertainments, e.g. public halls, bioscopes, etc., open to the public on payment of a charge	£5. 5s. for the first month and £5 per month thereafter	£4. 15s. for the first month and £4 10s. 0d. per month there- after.	4 5 0 and 4 0 0	3 15 0 and 3 10 0

For other premises or in special circumstances, such fee as the Postmaster-General may prescribe.

(Where a zone boundary passes through a town the municipal area shall be regarded for the payment of fees as being wholly in the zone nearest to the broadcasting station.)

18. The listener shall within fourteen days of the end of the period specified in his licence either renew the licence or immediately dismantle his apparatus and give notice in writing thereof to the Postmaster-General.

### PART 3.

#### *Amateur Radio Experimenters.—Transmission and/or Reception.*

19. "Experimenter" means a person who desires bona fide to conduct scientific research in radio.

20. An experimenter shall make application to the Postmaster-General for a licence and shall—

- (a) satisfy the Postmaster-General by means of a full and complete statement of his qualifications and of the nature and object of his experiments, that he has in view some definite object of scientific value or general public utility;
- (b) furnish evidence of competency in the adjustment and operation of wireless apparatus, and, if desirous of experimenting in the transmission of signals, furnish satisfactory evidence of
- (c) his ability both to send and to read by sound Morse signals at a minimum speed of twelve words per minute and be willing to undergo an examination, for which a fee of five shillings is charged, should the Postmaster-General consider it necessary.

21. The Postmaster-General shall thereupon consider the application, and, subject to such conditions as he may prescribe in each individual case, he may grant an experimenter's licence on payment of a fee of £1.

22. The Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, limit the number of experimenters' licences to be issued in any area.

23. An experimenter's licence shall be current for one year and the experimenter may apply for a renewal of his licence before the expiration of the current period, and such renewal for a further period of twelve months may be granted by the Postmaster-General at his discretion and on payment of a fee of £1. If the experimenter fails to apply for renewal, or if the Postmaster-General declines to renew his licence, the experimenter shall immediately dismantle the radio apparatus covered by the licence.

24. The conditions specified by the Postmaster-General under regulation No. 21, in connexion with any particular licence, shall be subject to modification at any time upon notice given in writing, and the modified conditions shall thereupon be observed by the licensee in every respect as if they had been the conditions of the original issue of the licence.

25. All experimenters' transmitting stations shall be equipped with apparatus for measuring the wave-lengths, approved by the Postmaster-General, and shall be equipped for receiving.

#### *General.*

26. The Postmaster-General may nominate one or more persons in the area of each broadcasting station to act as inspectors of licences. Such persons shall be furnished with an official authority to demand the production of any licence.

27. A listener or experimenter shall produce his licence for inspection on demand by a person duly authorized by the Postmaster-General under regulation 26.

28. The apparatus employed at licensed receiving stations shall be so maintained in adjustment that no local oscillating current is induced in the aerial on frequencies lying within the standard

bands of waves for broadcasting during times when broadcasting stations are transmitting. At other times and in general on frequencies outside the broadcasting bands of waves, any local oscillating current induced in the aerial shall not be such as to energize a neighbouring aerial so as to cause interference.

29. A listener or experimenter shall give ready access to any premises at any reasonable time to an officer authorized by the Postmaster-General for the purpose of examining the licensed radio apparatus.

30. Should such authorized officer for reasons which appear to him to be adequate give orders for the use of radio to be suspended pending his report to the Postmaster-General, such orders shall be carried out. Upon receipt of the Postmaster-General's decision the listener or experimenter shall act with reference to the apparatus in such manner as may be directed by the Postmaster-General.

31. The licence of any listener or experimenter may be withdrawn by the Postmaster-General if, in his opinion, it is in the public interest to do so, in which case the listener or experimenter shall immediately dismantle his apparatus.

32. Upon the withdrawal of any licence, the licensee shall have no claim for a refund of any fee paid.

33. An experimenter shall be held responsible at all times for the operation of the licensed apparatus, which, moreover, shall not, without the previous consent in writing of the Postmaster-General, be used by any person on the licensee's behalf or by permission of the licensee for the dispatch of messages other than messages authorized by the licence.

34. The licensee shall not divulge to any person otherwise than as he may be required by competent legal authority or make any use whatever of any message coming to the knowledge of the licensee and not intended for receipt by means of the licensed apparatus.

35. The licensee shall not deliver or cause to be delivered to any person any messages received by means of the licensed apparatus other than messages from a broadcaster.

36. Except with the consent in writing of the Postmaster-General, the licensee shall not assign, underlet, or otherwise dispose of all or any of the licences, powers, or authorities granted.

37. The licensee shall so work the licensed apparatus as not to interfere with the working of any wireless telegraph station established in the Bechuanaland Protectorate or the Union or the territorial waters thereof, and the licensee shall comply with all directions which shall be given to the licensee by the Postmaster-General in this behalf.

38. All apparatus used by the licensee shall be so placed and used as not to interfere with the efficient or convenient maintenance, working, or user of any telegraph line of the Postmaster-General which may from time to time exist.

39. In case any telegraphic line of the Postmaster-General shall be damaged, or the efficient working or use thereof shall be interfered with, and the Chief Engineer for the time being of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs shall certify in writing that such damage or interference has been caused by an apparatus used by the licensee, or by anything done by or on behalf of the licensee in relation thereto, the licensee shall on demand pay to the Postmaster-General all costs that shall be reasonably incurred

by him in repairing such damage and in removing or altering such telegraphic line so as to restore the same to efficient working order, and in adding thereto or substituting therefor either temporarily or permanently any other telegraphic line if the said Chief Engineer shall certify that such addition or substitution is reasonably required.

40. The licensee shall at all times indemnify the Postmaster-General against all actions, claims, and demands which may be brought or made by any person in respect of any injury arising from any act licensed or permitted by these presents.

41. A person who has in his possession radio apparatus but in good faith does not use or intend to use it, shall report the fact to the Postmaster-General who, upon being satisfied that exemption from the provisions of section *thirteen* of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Radio Proclamation, 1927, can reasonably be granted, may give permission in writing for the possession of such apparatus for a limited period, and may renew the permission for further periods at his discretion. No charge shall be made for such permit.