

WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.

No. 4 of 1917



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BICKHAM ESCOTT,

High Commissioner.

7th June, 1917.

KING'S REGULATION

RELATING TO COPYRIGHT.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific under the provisions of the Pacific Order in Council, 1893.

In the name of His Majesty, George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

[7th June, 1917.]

1. This Regulation may be cited for all purposes as the **SHORT TITLE.**
Solomon Islands Copyright Regulation 1917.

2. In this Regulation—

“The Protectorate” means the British Solomon Islands Protectorate;

“High Commissioner” means His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

3.—(1) If in the Protectorate any person knowingly—

(a) makes for sale or hire any infringing copy of a work in which copyright subsists; or

(b) sells or lets for hire, or by way of trade exposes or offers for sale or hire any infringing copy of any such work; or

(c) distributes infringing copies of any such work either for the purposes of trade or to such an extent as to affect prejudicially the owner of the copyright; or

(d) by way of trade exhibits in public any infringing copy of any such work; or

(e) imports for sale or hire any infringing copy of any such work;

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he shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding forty shillings for every copy dealt with in contravention of this section, but not exceeding fifty pounds in respect of the same transaction; or in the case of a second or subsequent offence either to such fine or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding two months.

(2) If any person knowingly makes or has in his possession any plate for the purpose of making infringing copies of any work in which copyright subsists or knowingly and for his private profit causes any such work to be performed in public without the consent of the owner of the copyright he shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or, in the case of a second offence, either to such fine or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding two months.

(3) The court before which any such proceedings are taken may, whether the alleged offender is convicted or not, order that all copies of the work or all plates in the possession of the alleged offender, which appear to it to be infringing copies, be destroyed or delivered up to the owner of the copyright or otherwise dealt with as the court may think fit.

NOTICE UNDER
COPYRIGHT ACT,
1911.

4.—(1) The notice to be given under section fourteen of the Copyright Act, 1911, of the Imperial Parliament, may be given to the High Commissioner or to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise of the United Kingdom and if given to the said Commissioners and communicated by them to the High Commissioner, shall be deemed to have been given to the High Commissioner.

(2) On any such notice being given the copies in respect of which it is given shall, subject as hereinafter provided, be deemed to be goods declared to be prohibited under section seventy-seven of the Solomon (Customs) Regulation 1907.

POWER OF HIGH
COMMISSIONER.

5. When the aforesaid notice is given in the first instance to the High Commissioner it shall be lawful for him to require the person giving such notice—

- (1) to furnish further information verified by affidavit if so desired;
- (2) to make a deposit sufficient to cover any expense which may be incurred or to indemnify the High Commissioner against any damage incurred in respect of any action taken in consequence of any such notice.

REPEAL OF
KING'S REGU-
LATION 1 OF
1914.

6. The Solomon and Gilbert Islands Copyright Regulation 1914 is hereby repealed in so far as it relates to British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

Published and exhibited in the Public Office of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific this seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

By Command,

A. L. AYTON,

Acting Secretary to His Britannic Majesty's
High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

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