

STATUTORY RULES.

No. 15 of 1919.

REGULATIONS

Made under *The Native Regulation Ordinance of 1908* (No. XXV. of 1909).

1. The Regulations dealing with Native Matters made under *The Native Regulation Ordinance of 1908*, on the fifteenth day of March, 1911, and published in *Gazette* dated the twenty-fourth day of April, 1911, are further amended by inserting therein after Regulation 70 the following new regulation :—

“70A. Clothes are good to wear if they are kept clean, and if they are taken off when they are wet and dried before they are put on again. Otherwise they are bad, for they cause sickness and death. Some natives know how to keep their clothes clean and do not wear them when they are wet, but many others are foolish, and wear them when they are very dirty, and keep them on, and even sleep in them, when they are wet. To protect these foolish men and women it is necessary to make a law about the wearing of clothes.

(1) Except as hereinafter provided natives whether male or female are forbidden to wear clothes on the upper part of the body.

(2) This regulation does not apply to the following :—

- (i.) Crown servants, members of the Armed Constabulary, village constables and others in the employ of the Government ;
- (ii.) labourers under contract of service under the Ordinances relating to native labour ;
- (iii.) mission teachers, mission students, and natives residing on mission premises ;
- (iv.) natives specially exempted by a resident magistrate or an assistant resident magistrate or a magistrate for native matters ; this exemption may apply to individuals or to groups of persons, and may be limited as regards time or place, and may be subject to conditions.

(3) A native who disobeys this regulation shall on conviction be liable, for a first offence, to a fine not exceeding Ten shillings and in default of payment to imprisonment with hard labour for a term not exceeding one month ; and, for a second or any subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding One pound and in default of payment to imprisonment with hard labour for a term not exceeding two months, or in the alternative to imprisonment in the first instance for a period not exceeding two months.

In the case of a conviction, whether for a first or a second or subsequent offence, the clothes shall be destroyed.

(4) “Clothes” does not include clothing made of native material.

(5) This regulation shall come into force on 1st January, 1920 ; it does not apply to persons born outside the Territory of Papua.”

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