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This day the Royal Assent was given by Commission to the following Acts:—

- Companies Act, 1947.
- Agriculture Act, 1947.
- Transport Act, 1947.
- Town and Country Planning Act, 1947.
- Paisley Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1947.
- National Trust for Scotland Order Confirmation Act, 1947.
- London and North Eastern Railway Act, 1947.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They propose to make an Order under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, reducing the rate of Purchase Tax from 33½ per cent. to 16½ per cent. on tub pairs and racing sculls of the following description:—

Rowing boats, half out-rigged, of the type known as tub pairs.

Racing sculls, spoon-bladed, not less than 9 feet in length.

Any representations which interested parties desire to make in regard to this proposal should be addressed in writing to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, City Gate House, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.2, not later than Friday, 22nd August 1947.

Treasury Chambers, London, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under the Second Schedule to the Import Duties Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz. :—

The Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 5) Order, 1947, relating to provision of drawback in respect of articles liable to duty as parts or accessories of cycles (other than motor-cycles), excluding tyres and tubes.

The Order, which comes into operation on Wednesday the 13th August 1947, is published as Statutory Rules and Orders, 1947, No. 1679, and copies may be purchased (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39-41 King Street, Manchester, 2; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1926, exempting the articles specified below from Key Industry Duty for the period beginning with

the 13th August 1947 and ending with the 31st December 1947:—

Acid formic, of a strength not less than 98 per cent. by weight.

Dicyandiamide.

The following ethyl ester, namely, ethyl orthoformate.

Ethyl phenyl-ketone (propiophenone).

Succinic anhydride.

The Order is entitled "The Safeguarding of Industries (Exemption) (No. 4) Order, 1947," and is published as Statutory Rules and Orders, 1947, No. 1680.

Copies of the Order may be obtained (price 1d. net) direct from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39-41 King Street, Manchester, 2; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday the 15th August 1947, at 1 p.m., for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Act, 1939, to the amount of £170,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000, or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the Tenderer on any business day from Monday the 18th August 1947 to Saturday the 23rd August 1947 inclusive, and will be payable at three months after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House, or Broker.

6. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same not later than the following day and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of Cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday 12 noon) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers,
8th August 1947.

Foreign Office, London, S.W.1. 1st August, 1947.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents for publication in the Edinburgh Gazette the subjoined Foreign Service Regulations for Branch C of His Majesty's Foreign Service. These regulations are made under Article 6 of the Foreign Service Order in Council, 1943, which was made on the 20th May 1943.

CHAPTER IV.

BRANCH C.

REGULATION No. 1.

GRADES AND SALARIES.

The grades and salaries of members of Branch C of the Foreign Service are:—

Grade	Rank	Age	Salary
1	Shorthand-Typists	16	£56/- a week
		17	£59/- "
		18	£66/- "
		19	£74/- "
		20	£79/6 "
		21	£84/- "
		22	£87/- "
		23	£90/- "
		24	£93/- "
		25	£96/- "
2	Typists	16	£52/- a week
		17	£55/- "
		18	£61/- "
		19	£66/6 "
		20	£69/6 "
		21	£73/- "
		22	£75/- "
		23	£78/- "
		24	£81/- "
		25	£84/- "

Comment.

(1) The normal avenue of promotion for officers of Branch C is to vacancies in the following appointments in Branch B of the Foreign Service:—

Grade in Branch B	Appointment	Salary
6	Superintendent of Typists Clerical	£125, rising by annual increments of £
	Officer-Secretary	and then by annual increments of £
6	Senior Superintendent of Typists ...	£125, rising by annual increments of £
		and then by annual increments of £
		an allowance of £50 per annum.
5A	Chief Superintendent of Typists ...	£400, rising by annual increments of £15 to £500.
5	Secretarial Assistant	£400, rising by annual increments of £15 to £500.

- (2) * The amounts left blank will be specified in a later regulation.
 (3) All the posts in Branch C will be filled by women.

REGULATION No. 2.

OUTFIT AND TRANSFER ALLOWANCE.

1. Outfit and transfer allowances will be payable on the following basis:—

- (i.) On first appointment abroad: £50.
 (ii.) On any subsequent appointment abroad or on transfer from one post abroad to another post abroad, or to the Foreign Office: £25.

2. On appointment to a post at which special clothing is, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, necessary for climatic reasons, the allowances in paragraph 1 (i.) and (ii.) will be increased by the actual cost of such clothing up to a maximum additional amount of £30. This increase will be subject to the production of a certificate that the sum claimed has been expended for the purposes laid down and will be limited to three occasions during an officer's career.

REGULATION No. 3.

FOREIGN ALLOWANCE.

1. A foreign allowance will be assigned to officers of Branch C serving abroad.

Comment.

(1) Salary is intended to cover necessary expenditure in the United Kingdom and to take the first strain of the cost of living of the officer abroad, foreign allowances supplementing it to the extent to which the salary falls short of total necessary expenditure. In assessing foreign allowances, the following items *inter alia* are taken into account: (a) local cost of living; (b) expenditure which an officer serving abroad necessarily incurs, either at home or abroad, over and above that of an officer of corresponding grade serving in the Foreign Office; and (c) representational expenditure, where appropriate, i.e., expenditure which, while optional for a private individual, is obligatory for a member of the Foreign Service resident abroad by virtue of her official position.

(2) Foreign allowance is not subject to United Kingdom income tax.

2. The amount of the foreign allowance to be assigned to an

officer will be determined by the Secretary of State in the light of the conditions at the post.

3. When an officer to whom a foreign allowance is assigned is absent from her post abroad, such allowance will be paid on the basis specified in paragraphs 4-6 of this regulation.

A.—When the Officer is returning to her Post.

4. When the officer is—

(i.) *On Duty.*

(a) In the United Kingdom.

She will be eligible for subsistence allowance and will retain for the period of one month the foreign allowance of her post. Thereafter the foreign allowance will be subject to a reduction at the rate of 50 per cent. provided that this reduction shall not bring the amount of this allowance below the minimum of her salary scale.

(b) Temporarily attached to another post.

She will retain the whole of the foreign allowance of her own post or draw that of the temporary post, whichever is higher, with subsistence allowance in addition at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

(ii.) *On Earned Leave.*

Wherever her leave may be taken and whatever the foreign allowance of her post may be, the officer's allowance will be subject to a reduction at the rate of 50 per cent. as from the date of departure on leave provided that this reduction shall not bring the amount of the foreign allowance below the minimum of her salary scale and that this reduction shall not be applied in respect of brief absences within a total of 14 days in one calendar year.

(iii.) *On Sick Leave Outside the Country where Posted.*

The foreign allowance will be the same as that payable on earned leave (see (ii.) above) except that, as from the date of departure on sick leave, it will be reduced by 25 per cent. for such period as the Secretary of State considers reasonable in the circumstances. At the end of such period, the Secretary of State will use full discretion with regard to the further payment.

Comment.

An officer on sick leave outside the country where she is posted, who is due to return to her post, may thus incur a double cut in her foreign allowance.

B.—When the Officer is not returning to her Post.

5. When the officer is—

(i.) On *Temporary Duty*.

(a) In the United Kingdom.

She will cease to receive her foreign allowance.

(b) At another post.

She will receive the foreign allowance of that post.

(ii.) On *Earned Leave*.

She will cease to receive her foreign allowance.

(iii.) On *Sick Leave in the United Kingdom*.

No allowance will be payable.

6. An officer who is on sick leave in the country where she is posted will retain her foreign allowance in full for two months. Thereafter the foreign allowance will be reduced by 25 per cent. for such period as the Secretary of State considers reasonable in the circumstances. At the end of such period the Secretary of State will use full discretion with regard to the further payment.

REGULATION No. 4.

LEAVE.

I.—*Ordinary Leave*.

1. Permission to take ordinary leave can only be granted subject to the exigencies of the Service.

2. Officers can take the ordinary leave, for which they are eligible under this regulation, only with the permission :—

(i.) in the case of officers serving abroad, of the Secretary of State and of the Head of Mission or post ;

(ii.) in the case of officers serving in the United Kingdom, of the Head of the Department or Section in which they are serving.

3. In calculating the number of days of ordinary leave to which an officer is eligible at any time :—

(a) Sundays, occurring during a period when leave is being taken, are counted ;

(b) the remainder of the calendar year in which leave is taken may, if the officer so desires, be included in the computation ;

(c) if an officer falls sick while on ordinary leave or during travelling time under paragraph 10 below and furnishes a medical certificate to that effect, the period of sickness will be regarded as sick leave.

4. All officers are eligible for the amount of ordinary leave prescribed in paragraph 5 ; the provisions of paragraphs 6 to 10 apply only to officers serving abroad.

5. Members of Branch C of the Foreign Service are eligible for ordinary leave on the following basis :—

Grade 1 (Shorthand-Typists) : 24 days (including Sundays) a year on appointment to that grade, rising to 28 days a year after 5 years' service in the grade.

Grade 2 (Typists) : 21 days (including Sundays) a year, rising to 24 days after 5 years' service.

Comment.

In addition, they may be eligible for additional leave in respect of service in unhealthy posts (see paragraph 6 of this regulation).

6. Officers who are stationed in certain posts or in certain countries which shall from time to time be specified by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Treasury as unhealthy for purposes of leave of absence, and who, at the expiration of their leave, return to the same post or any other of the specified posts, are eligible for additional ordinary leave at the rate of 14 days per annum, with a maximum accumulation of 28 days.

7. Subject to the limitations of paragraph 9 below, ordinary leave may be taken :—

(a) in the country, where the officer is serving or in another country ;

(b) in one period during the calendar year covering all the leave for which the officer is eligible in that year ;

(c) in more than one period during the calendar year ;

(d) by accumulating the leave to which the officer is entitled (or any part thereof) over a period of more than one year.

Comment.

Officers passing through the United Kingdom on transfer will normally be required to take any leave for which they are then eligible.

8. Where an officer has spent sick leave in the United Kingdom, she should take any ordinary leave for which she is eligible at the time her sick leave terminates before she returns to her post abroad, unless the Secretary of State decides otherwise.

9. The following rules are applicable to accumulated leave :—

(a) Every officer may accumulate the ordinary leave to which she is entitled under paragraph 5 above up to and not exceeding the total ordinary leave to which she is entitled for 3½ years. This amount will be increased by 28 days in the case of officers serving at posts or in the countries referred to in paragraph 6 of this regulation.

(b) An officer who has accumulated ordinary leave must, unless the Secretary of State otherwise decides, on the next occasion when she is granted travelling time for the purpose of proceeding on leave, take all the accumulated leave to which she is then entitled.

(c) Save in exceptional circumstances and with the express

permission of the Secretary of State, no leave may be accumulated in respect of service in the United Kingdom.

10. Travelling time (*i.e.*, the time actually occupied by the outward and return journey by an approved route between the country where the officer is serving and the country where she is taking her leave) is allowed on one occasion in respect of each calendar year in addition to the periods of ordinary leave under the previous paragraphs of this regulation with the proviso that travelling time thus allowed shall not exceed the time occupied by a journey to and from the United Kingdom by an approved route.

Comment.

For the conditions on which travelling allowances are granted see Regulation No. 5.

II.—*Sick Leave*.

11. Unless otherwise stated, the following paragraphs of this regulation apply to members of the Service whether they are serving in the United Kingdom or abroad.

12. The grant of sick leave is subject in all cases to the Secretary of State being satisfied that the officer to whom it is granted has a reasonable prospect of recovery so as to enable her to return to her duties.

13. The grant of sick leave to any officer for a period exceeding four days is conditional on the production by the officer of a certificate by a duly qualified medical practitioner indicating the nature of the illness and the period estimated to be required for recovery. If the number of days during which any officer is absent on sick leave in any period of twelve months without such certificate shall exceed seven in the aggregate, the number of days of absence in excess of seven shall be deducted from the amount of ordinary leave allowable.

14. The permissions required for the grant of sick leave are the same as those described for ordinary leave in paragraph 2 of this regulation. In the case of officers serving abroad, no reference need be made to the Foreign Office for any period of sick leave not exceeding 14 days.

15. The Secretary of State may require further medical certificates or periodical medical certificates reporting progress where he considers it desirable.

16. Sick leave on full pay may, subject to the provision of a medical certificate showing that the officer is likely to be able to resume her duties within a reasonable period, be granted for a period or periods not exceeding six months in the aggregate during any period of twelve months. An officer who has had sick leave on full pay for the maximum period may be granted sick leave on half-pay, subject always to a maximum of twelve months' sick leave (whether on whole or half-pay and whether on the basis of a medical certificate or not) in any period of four years.

17. Where an officer has been granted the maximum amount of sick leave which can be granted on half-pay, the grant of further sick leave will be conditional on the receipt by the Secretary of State of a reliable medical certificate showing that the officer is considered likely to be able to resume her duties within a reasonable period. If further sick leave is granted, the officer may be paid a salary at the rate not exceeding the amount of pension (if any) for which she would have been qualified if she had retired for reasons of health at the time when her period of sick leave expired (hereafter referred to as pension rate of pay) ; or on half-pay if this would be less than pension rate of pay. If the officer is unable to furnish a medical certificate as described above, the Secretary of State may, if he thinks fit, call on her to retire on grounds of ill-health.

Comment.

(1) Periods of sick leave in excess of twelve months during any period of four years will be excluded from service on which annual increments of salary, or for pension on retirement, are calculated.

(2) See paragraph 8 of this regulation as to the taking of accrued ordinary leave at the end of sick leave in the case of an officer serving abroad.

(3) See paragraph 3 (c) of this regulation as regards officers falling sick during their ordinary leave.

III.—*Leave (General)*.

18. Every officer serving abroad must inform the Personnel Department, in advance if possible, of the date on which she intends to proceed on leave, and of the address to which she is going. Every subsequent change of address must be reported to that Department.

19. Every officer serving abroad must inform the Personnel Department in advance of the date on which she intends to leave the United Kingdom in order to return to her post from leave.

20. The actual dates of every officer's departure from her post abroad and on leave and on her return must be officially reported to the Foreign Office by despatch.

21. Every officer serving in the United Kingdom must, whenever absent from the Foreign Office for whatever reason, leave her address with her superior officer or must follow such other procedure in this connexion as may be indicated in the departmental instructions in force at the time.

REGULATION No. 5.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.

1. Whenever an officer of Branch C makes a journey on public service, the amount of the fares by rail, ship, aircraft or motor car, as the case may be, for the journey in question by the approved route will be payable to her.

Comment.

The "approved route" means the route approved for the particular journey in question. In many cases there is a standard route for journeys between different countries which will be the "approved route." An officer who makes the journey by a route other than the approved route (*e.g.*, travels by air or in her own car when the approved route is by rail, etc.) will not be able to claim more than the amount payable for a journey by the approved route. On the other hand, if the route which she takes is cheaper than the approved route she will not be able to claim more than the actual expenses incurred.

2. Journeys on the public service include—

(a) Any journey made by an officer serving at home or abroad for the purpose of attending an international conference or accompanying any officer called for discussion or consultation, or of making a tour or visit, which the officer makes with the authority of the Secretary of State.

(b) Any journeys from the United Kingdom made by an officer to her post abroad on her appointment to such post.

(c) Any journey to her new post made by an officer on transfer from the place where the officer was previously serving or, if she was on leave at the time of transfer, from the place where she was spending her leave. If, however, the journey from the place where she was spending her leave is more expensive than the journey from her previous post, the officer will not be able to claim more than the amount payable in respect of a journey from the United Kingdom or from her previous post as the Secretary of State may decide.

3. Where the journey in the cases referred to in (b) and (c) of paragraph 2 above is made by an officer who is being moved at her own request before the completion of three years' service at her post or by an officer who is being moved on account of misconduct, the officer would not be entitled to be repaid the cost of her travelling expenses.

4. The amount of the fares by rail, ship, aircraft or motor car, as the case may be, by an approved route will be payable to an officer serving abroad—

(a) If she is proceeding from or returning to her post during ordinary leave, in the cases specified in paragraph 5 below.

(b) If she is proceeding from or returning to her post during sick leave, in the cases specified in paragraph 6 below.

(c) If she is retiring on pension and is proceeding from her post to her place of retirement. If the journey to the place of her retirement is a more expensive journey than a journey to the United Kingdom, the officer will not be entitled to claim more than would be payable in respect of the journey to the United Kingdom.

Comment.

An officer who retires in circumstances where she is not granted a pension (*i.e.*, at her own request or for misconduct) may not claim any travelling allowances on retirement.

5. An officer will only be entitled to receive the amount of fares in the cases referred to in paragraph 4 (a) above (ordinary leave) after 30 months' consecutive service abroad, or, in the case of officers serving at certain posts or in certain countries which are regarded as unhealthy for purposes of leave, after 18 months' consecutive service. Where leave is taken in a country other than the United Kingdom, the amounts payable in respect of fares will not usually be paid from public funds and will only be allowed if the Secretary of State decides that payment from public funds is warranted by the special circumstances of the case and, in any case, will not exceed those which would be payable in respect of a journey to or from the United Kingdom by an approved route. If, however, the amount of the fares to or from the place at which leave is being taken is less than the amount of the fares for a journey to the United Kingdom, the officer will not receive more than the amount of the fares for the journey actually taken.

6. In the cases referred to in paragraph 4 (b) above (sick leave), the Secretary of State may at his discretion allow the payment to the officer of the amount of the fares from her post to such place as the officer may proceed under medical advice on health grounds or for the purposes of undergoing treatment which is not available locally.

Comment.

The Secretary of State will require, before sanctioning the payment of the amount of fares under the above paragraph, the production of a certificate by a duly qualified medical practitioner that it is necessary for the officer to proceed to the place to which the journey is made on health grounds.

7. Where the amounts of fares are payable under the previous paragraphs of this regulation, these fares will be third-class fares in the United Kingdom and second-class elsewhere, whether by sea or land, including sleeping berths where necessary for a land journey. First-class fares will, however, be payable where the

Secretary of State is satisfied that second-class accommodation is unsuitable for Europeans.

8.—(a) In any case where the amount of fares is payable under the preceding paragraphs of this regulation except in the case of journeys on ordinary or sick leave, a subsistence allowance will be granted to meet the expenses of food and sleeping accommodation where these are not included in the fare. The subsistence allowance for officers of Branch C will be three-quarters of the full subsistence allowance authorised for the country in which the officer is travelling.

(b) Where some, but not all, of the items for which subsistence allowance is granted are provided under the fare, the subsistence allowance will be proportionately reduced.

Comment.

(1) Where the expenses of a sleeping berth on a long journey are paid, only two-thirds of the subsistence allowance to meet the cost of food will be granted.

(2) Subsistence allowances are payable only where the expenses of the journey are met from public funds. If, however, no fare is payable (*e.g.*, a journey on one of His Majesty's ships) and the officer has to pay for her board or if the fare payable does not include board, then a subsistence allowance is payable.

(3) See also Regulation No. 6, paragraph 3, regarding payment of subsistence allowances to an officer in certain circumstances after arrival at her post.

9. Necessary expenses (such as taxi fares, fees for registration of luggage, portage, etc.) incidental to the journey in respect of which the amount of the fare is payable under the preceding paragraphs of this regulation will be payable to the officer on her application.

Comment.

(1) Only incidental expenses which are reasonably necessary will be payable under this paragraph and the officer will be required to certify that the expenses which she claims were necessarily incurred.

(2) The comment to paragraph 1 above applies to claims to these expenses.

10. Where an officer is proceeding to her post on transfer or on first appointment abroad or leaving her post on retirement on pension or on an appointment to the United Kingdom, or when an officer dies while serving abroad, the cost of transporting her personal effects by an approved route and method of transport will be allowed up to such amount as the Secretary of State may consider to be reasonable, except in the circumstances indicated in paragraph 3 or when she retires in circumstances where she is not granted a pension (*i.e.*, at her own request or for misconduct).

Comment.

This paragraph applies to heavy luggage containing personal effects as opposed to ordinary travelling luggage, which goes under paragraph 9 above. It includes such things as clothes, household linen, books and small articles of decoration. The cost of transporting heavy articles such as pianos, radiograms and large gramophones would not be allowed under this head.

11. Where the cost of removing heavy luggage under paragraph 10 above is allowed, the reasonable cost of insuring that luggage up to the maximum insurable value of £200 during transit will also be allowed.

REGULATION No. 6.

RENT ALLOWANCE.

1. A member of Branch C of the Foreign Service serving abroad at a post at which furnished accommodation is not provided will receive a rent allowance sufficient in the opinion of the Secretary of State to enable her to defray the cost of renting suitable furnished accommodation, excluding services and other tenant's charges.

Comment.

The Ministry of Works regulations regarding Government property will apply in all cases where Government furniture is provided. No charge will be made for the use of Government furniture.

2. The rent allowance becomes payable from the date when an officer arrives at her post unless she is granted a subsistence allowance, in which case it becomes payable when this allowance terminates. Subject to paragraph 4 below, rent allowance ceases to be payable on the date on which the officer leaves her post on termination of her appointment.

3. A member of Branch C who is unable to find suitable accommodation immediately on arrival at her new post abroad may be allowed to claim, for a period not normally exceeding 28 days, in lieu of foreign and rent allowances, a subsistence allowance at three-quarters of the full subsistence allowance authorised for the post.

4. Where an officer who has been granted a rent allowance is transferred to another post otherwise than at her own request and can show that she has been unable to dispose of the lease of her residence, she will be allowed to claim, as compensation for the rent for which she is liable, a sum which shall not exceed the rent allowance previously granted to her, for a period which will be determined by the Secretary of State, but which will not exceed three months except in special cases.

5. An officer who has been granted a rent allowance shall not receive that allowance during the periods of authorised absence unless the Secretary of State is satisfied that she has not been able to sub-let.

Comment.

Officers who rent accommodation must furnish a certificate from the Head of the Diplomatic Mission or the Superintending consular officer—as the case may be—that they have made the most economical arrangements consistent with their rank and requirements. They must themselves defray any additional expenditure which may be caused by maintaining larger or more expensive establishments than are necessary. They must also endeavour to obtain a clause (known as a “ diplomatic clause ”) in the lease enabling them to terminate it at short notice in the event of transfer before its expiry.

REGULATION No. 7.

LANGUAGE ALLOWANCE.

Allowances at the rate of £30 a year will be paid to a limited number of officers of Branch C who have proved their ability to write and transcribe French shorthand proficiently.

Comment.

Language allowances are subject to income tax.

REGULATION No. 8.

TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS.

1. All members of Branch C of the Foreign Service must be prepared to go to any post at which their services may be required.

Comment.

When appointments and transfers are made account will be taken, so far as possible, of the circumstances and wishes of the individual; members of the Service will, however, be expected to regard an intimation that they are to be transferred to a certain post as an order and not as a request.

2. Recommendations for promotion and transfers within Branch C will be made by Personnel Department in consultation with Establishment and Organisation Department and with the Foreign Service Inspectors. Recommendations for promotion will be subject to the approval of the Head of Personnel Department.

REGULATION No. 9.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1.—(i.) This regulation applies to all cases where a member of Branch C of the Service is accused of a disciplinary offence. It does not apply to cases where an officer is merely admonished.

(ii.)—(a) In this regulation the expression “ disciplinary offence ” means conduct by a member of the Service prejudicial to the interests of the Service or unbecoming the position which she holds in the Service, or disobedience of official instructions of such a character that a warning or a reprimand with or without a transfer to another post may be an appropriate penalty.

(b) In this regulation a “ grave disciplinary offence ” means a disciplinary offence which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, is of so serious a character that dismissal from the Service or a reduction in rank or a loss of seniority may be an appropriate penalty.

Comment to paragraph 1 (ii.)

It is not possible or desirable to attempt to lay down rules which determine in all circumstances what conduct constitutes a disciplinary offence or a grave disciplinary offence nor the penalty that would be appropriate. There are certain courses of conduct which are reprehensible whatever the rank of the member; in other cases conduct may be reprehensible if the member holds a high post, but less serious when the member is of junior status. There are also courses of conduct which may most appropriately be dealt with by the Head of the post at which the officer is serving or by the Head of the Personnel Department direct. The Report of 25th February 1928, of a Board of Enquiry appointed to investigate certain statements affecting civil servants (Cmd. 3037) is still fully applicable to members of the Foreign Service as a useful guide to their conduct.

2. The expression “ official superior ” means in the case of—

- (i.) a member of the staff of a Diplomatic Mission abroad, the Head of that Mission or a Foreign Service Inspector;
- (ii.) a member of the staff of a Consulate, the senior Consular Officer of the district or a Foreign Service Inspector;
- (iii.) a person working in the Foreign Office, the Head of the Department concerned.

3. The Secretary of State may suspend a member of the Foreign Service from duty if the question whether she has been guilty of a disciplinary offence is raised and the Secretary of State considers that her suspension is desirable until the question has been investigated and a decision reached. Unless the Secretary of State shall determine otherwise, the remuneration of an officer suspended from duty will cease from the date of her suspension.

In the event of her reinstatement, it may, however, be restored wholly or in part should the Secretary of State so determine.

4. Complaints of disciplinary offences by a member of the Service shall be made by the official superior in a letter addressed to the Under-Secretary of State responsible for Administration setting out the full facts of the case with any comments or explanations which the official superior feels it necessary to make. A copy of this letter shall be communicated to the person complained of either by the official superior or, if he has not done so, by the Under-Secretary of State.

5. The member of the Service complained of may present her defence to the complaint made against her in a letter addressed to the Under-Secretary of State responsible for Administration. The latter may refer this letter to the official superior for his comments, and any comments received in reply from the official superior will be communicated to the person complained of in order that she may have an opportunity of making any further reply which she may think necessary.

6. It is not desirable that the official superior should address any other communications about the case to the Under-Secretary of State responsible for Administration or to any other person, but should he do so, they will be treated in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 4 above.

7. If the disciplinary offence is an ordinary disciplinary offence and the person complained of does not dispute the facts, the decision as to the penalty to be imposed may be taken by the Under-Secretary of State responsible for Administration and communicated by him or by the Head of the Personnel Department to the person concerned. If the person complained of disputes the facts alleged against her or wishes to appeal against the penalty, the case shall be referred to a committee, hereinafter referred to as “ the Committee,” called by the Under-Secretary of State responsible for Administration consisting of representatives of Personnel Department and Establishment and Organisation Department, and on which a legal adviser of the Foreign Office shall sit if the Secretary of State so directs or if the person complained of so requests. In this event the Committee shall furnish to the Secretary of State in writing its opinion on the facts and as to what, if any, offence is proved (if the facts are in dispute), and its advice upon the penalty.

8.—(i.) If the disciplinary offence is a grave disciplinary offence, and the person complained of does not dispute the facts alleged against her, the case shall be sent to the Committee to express their advice as to the penalty. This advice shall be furnished to the Secretary of State in writing.

(ii.) If the person complained of disputes the facts alleged against her, her case shall be heard by the Committee and the Committee shall furnish to the Secretary of State in writing its opinion as to the facts and what offence (if any) is proved and its advice as to the penalty.

(iii.) In either case the decision of the Secretary of State shall be communicated to the person concerned by the Under-Secretary of State responsible for Administration or by the Head of Personnel Department.

9. When any disciplinary offence is submitted for consideration to a committee called in the circumstances referred to above, all the letters relating to the offence referred to in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 above shall be laid before the Committee. The Committee may summon any witnesses whom it considers it desirable to hear, and the accused person shall have a right to be heard and, subject to the consent of the Committee, to bring any witnesses whom she may desire. The accused person shall have the right to be present when all other witnesses are giving evidence.

10. The decision as to the penalty shall in all cases remain vested in the Secretary of State after he has considered the report and advice of the Committee.

REGULATION No. 10.

OVERTIME AND HOURS OF ATTENDANCE.

Overtime is payable at home to officers of Branch C in respect of duty in excess of 42 hours per week, but at posts abroad no overtime is payable.

Comment.

In the Foreign Office the normal working week is 42 hours including lunch and tea intervals but not including time occupied in travelling to and from the place of work.

Ministry of Transport,
Marine Safety Division,
Berkeley Square House, London, W.1,
August 1947.

The Minister of Transport hereby gives notice under the General Rules for Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties and Appeals and Rehearings, 1923, that he has received during the month of July 1947 a Report of a Formal Investigation, held by a Court in His Majesty's dominions, into the circumstances attending a collision between the s.s. “ OLAVIUS ” and the s.s. “ EGYPTIAN.”

POST OFFICE.

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN PARCEL POST.

The rates of postage which are directed to be charged on outgoing parcels addressed to Japan (Islands of Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku, and Hokkaido) and Ryukyu Islands by the route specified are as follows:—

Place of Destination.	Route.	Rates of Postage on each Parcel not exceeding				
		2 lb.	3 lb.	7 lb.	11 lb.	22 lb.
Japan (Islands of Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku, and Hokkaido).	Direct	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 4 9	s. d. 6 9	—
Ryukyu Islands	via Japan	3 0	3 0	4 9	6 9	—

I RONALD ROBERTSON LYLE, Lieut.-Commander, Royal Navy (Retd.), a British subject, residing at St. James House, Broughton Street, Edinburgh, hereby give notice that, as from this date, I intend to assume the name of RONALD ROBERTSON-LYLE in lieu of my present name.

Dated this 5th day of August 1947.

RONALD ROBERTSON LYLE.

I MRS. MARGARET CAMPBELL LEISHMAN, a British subject, residing at c/o Charlton, 59 Baker Street, Aberdeen, hereby give notice that, as from this date, I intend to assume the name of MRS. MARGARET CAMPBELL GRAY in lieu of my present name.

Dated this 9th day of August 1947.

MARGARET CAMPBELL LEISHMAN.

THE WAVERLEY HYDROPATHIC COMPANY LTD., incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867, and having its Registered Office at Royal Bank Chambers, Melrose.

INTIMATION is hereby given that on 5th August 1947 a Petition was presented to the Court of Session at the instance of the above-named Company under the Companies Act, 1929, praying the Court to confirm the alteration of the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects set forth in the Special Resolution of the Company passed on 30th June 1947. The said Special Resolution is as follows:—

“That the provisions of the Memorandum of Association of the Company with respect to the objects of the Company be altered by the addition thereto of the following words immediately after the word ‘therein’ occurring in the third last line of Clause ‘Third’ of the Memorandum of Association, viz.:—‘the sale, disposal, or transfer of the business property and undertaking of the Company or any part thereof in consideration of payment in cash or in shares or stock or in debentures or other securities of any other Company or partly in each of such modes of payment or for such other consideration as may be deemed proper and to distribute the price however paid or satisfied among the members in or towards satisfaction of their interests in the assets of the Company.’”

On the said Petition the Court has been pleased to pronounce the following Interlocutor:—

“8th August 1947.—Lord Carmont.—The Vacation Judge appoints the Petition to be intimated on the Walls and in the Minute-Book in common form, and to be advertised once in the Edinburgh Gazette and The Scotsman and Glasgow Herald newspapers, and allows all parties claiming interest to lodge Answers, if so advised, within seven days after such intimation and advertisement.”

“JOHN CARMONT.”

Of all which notice is hereby given.

FREER, MUIR & SMART, Solicitors, Melrose;
MAXWELL, GILL & PRINGLE, W.S., 26 Rutland Street, Edinburgh,

Solicitors for the Petitioners.

8th August 1947.

Company Limited by Shares.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF OSSIAN (FILM EXHIBITORS) LTD.
The Companies Act, 1929.

MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY WINDING UP.

AT an Extraordinary Meeting of the Members of the above Company, duly convened, and held at 115 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2, on the 1st day of August 1947, at 12 noon, the following Resolution was duly passed as a Special Resolution:—

“That the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that John Kevan M'Dowall, Solicitor, 115 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2, be, and he is hereby, appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up.”

LOUIS DI FELICE, Chairman.

115 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2,

7th August 1947.

NOTE.—The Creditors will be paid in full.

THOMAS BARCLAY (Deceased).

To the Creditors and other Persons interested in the Succession of the Deceased THOMAS BARCLAY, SENIOR, Coal Merchant and Farmer, who resided at 83 Calder Street, Blantyre, Lanarkshire.

JAMES CATHCART STEWART, Chartered Accountant, 86 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, having been appointed by the Court of Session Judicial Factor on the Estate of the said deceased Thomas Barclay, senior, under the Act 3 & 4 Geo. V., Cap. 20, Section 163, requires all the lawful Creditors of the said Thomas Barclay, senior, and other persons interested in his Estate, to lodge with the Judicial Factor, James Cathcart Stewart, Chartered Accountant, within four months after the date of this notice, a statement of their claims as Creditors of the deceased, or as otherwise interested in his Estate; with such vouchers or other written evidence as they may have to found upon in support of their claims; in order to the same being considered and reported upon by the Judicial Factor.

JAS. C. STEWART, Judicial Factor.

86 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2,

11th August 1947.

AS Trustee on the Sequestrated Estates of ANDREW WEST, Dairyman, sometime residing at Burlington Street, Leith, thereafter Kinnoul Dairy, Gorgie, Edinburgh, I hereby intimate that the accounts of my intromissions with the Funds of the Estate, brought down to 26th July 1947, have been audited by the Commissioners, and that a Dividend will be paid within the Chambers of Messrs. Romanes & Munro, C.A., 50 Frederick Street, Edinburgh, on 27th September 1947.

ALEX. S. WHITE, C.A., Trustee.

Edinburgh, 12th August 1947.

THE Firm of DUNDEE BROTY CARRIERS, carrying on business as Carriers at 272 Brook Street, Broughty Ferry, has been DISSOLVED as on 31st May 1946, by mutual consent, by the retiral therefrom of the Subscribers Messrs.

Robert Hall Barnett and James Scott Barnett, two of the Partners.

The Business will continue to be carried on by the Subscriber Mr. Arthur Spark on his own account and under the same name of DUNDEE BROY CARRIERS.

Mr. Arthur Spark is authorised to uplift all debts due to, and he will discharge the whole debts and liabilities of, the Firm.

Dated at Dundee, this tenth day of March nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

ROBERT H. BARNETT.

JAMES S. BARNETT.

Witnesses to the Signatures of Messrs. Robert

Hall Barnett and James Scott Barnett—

SIDNEY BARNETT, Witness, 29 Abercromby Street, Manager.

ANN YOUNG DAVIDSON, Witness, 70 Hilltown, Cashier.

ARTHUR SPARK.

Witnesses to the Signature of Mr. Arthur Spark—

WALTER FLETCHER, Witness, 61 Reform Street, Dundee, Solicitor.

H. J. STEEL, Witness, 61 Reform Street, Dundee, Clerk.

THE Firm of W. & H. THOM, carrying on business as Bakers and Confectioners in Peterculter, Aberdeenshire, has been DISSOLVED as from 22nd January 1947, by mutual consent, by the retiral therefrom of the Subscriber Mrs. Jane Coutts or Thom, one of the Partners.

The Business will continue to be carried on by the Subscriber William Thom, Baker and Confectioner, Peterculter aforesaid, on his own account, and under the same name of W. & H. THOM.

Mr. William Thom is authorised to uplift all the debts due to the Business, and he will discharge the whole debts and liabilities of the Firm.

Dated at Peterculter, this seventh day of August nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

WILLIAM THOM.

Witnesses to the Signature of the said William Thom—

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, Witness, Advocate, 375 Union Street, Aberdeen.

ALAN SMITH, Witness, Solicitor, 375 Union Street, Aberdeen.

JANE THOM.

Witnesses to the Signature of the said Mrs. Jane Coutts or Thom—

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, Witness, Advocate, 375 Union Street, Aberdeen.

ALAN SMITH, Witness, Solicitor, 375 Union Street, Aberdeen.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

DENNY & BLAIN.

THE Firm carrying on business as Architects in Glasgow under the name of DENNY & BLAIN has been DISSOLVED, as at thirtieth June nineteen hundred and forty-seven, by the retiral therefrom of the Subscriber Robert Blain, one of the Partners.

The Business will continue to be carried on by the remaining Partner, the Subscriber William John Blain, on his own account and under the same Firm name of DENNY & BLAIN.

Mr. William John Blain is authorised to uplift all debts due to, and he will discharge the whole debts and liabilities of, the Firm.

Dated at Glasgow, this eleventh day of August nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

ROBERT BLAIN.

WILLIAM J. BLAIN.

Witnesses to the Signatures of the said Robert Blain and William John Blain—

DOROTHY SMITH, 180 West Regent Street, Glasgow, Typist.

MARY P. BUCHANAN, 180 West Regent Street, Glasgow, Typist.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Business of Coal Merchants, carried on by David Spowart, 86 King Street, Cowdenbeath, under the Firm name of DAVID SPOWART, has been acquired, as from the first day of January nineteen hundred and forty-seven, by Alexander Peat, Coal Merchant, 249 Perth Road, Cowdenbeath, and Patrick Daly, Coal Merchant, 3 Drum Road, Kelty, who will carry on the Business under the Firm name of PEAT AND DALY, and who will be responsible for all debts on and after the said date.

Dated at Cowdenbeath, this 6th day of August 1947.

DAVID SPOWART.

ALEXANDER PEAT.

PATRICK DALY.

THOMAS SINCLAIR, 8 Primmer Place, Cowdenbeath, Motor Driver.

JAMES PHILIP, 26 Keir Street, Cowdenbeath, Coal Inspector.

THE Business of Jewellers and Fancy Goods Merchants, carried on by the Representatives of the late Thomas Dunlop, trading as THOMAS DUNLOP, at 35 Bridgegate, Irvine, has been sold and transferred by them to Messrs. H. & B. Gaw, Jewellers and Fancy Goods Merchants, 35 Bridgegate, Irvine, and will be carried on by the latter for their own behoof.

The sellers will not be liable for any debts or liabilities contracted under the name of Thomas Dunlop as from and after the date hereof, the purchasers being liable for all debts contracted in relation to said Business after that date.

Dated at Irvine, 7th August 1947.

THOMAS DUNLOP.

VIOLET THOMAS.

H. & B. GAW,

HENRY A. GAW, Partner.

BARBARA GAW, Partner.

Subscribed for and on behalf of the Representatives of said Thomas Dunlop by Mrs. Violet Thomas and by the said Firm of H. & B. Gaw and Partners thereof, all in presence of these Witnesses—

JANE S. BARR, Witness, National Bank Buildings, Saltcoats, Typist.

SARAH COCHRANE, Witness, 23 Kirkgate, Irvine, Housewife.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACTS, 1914 AND 1926.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

Peter Farquhar M'Rae, St. Paul's Chambers, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C., general merchant.

Dr. Ernest Mayer Neville, whose present residence or place of business the Petitioning Creditor is unable to ascertain, and lately residing at 15 Dalston Place, Notting Hill Gate, in the county of London, doctor of medicine.

Mrs. Theodora Dorothy Woolfe, 113 Romford Road, Stratford, London, retailer.

Joseph Crosby, 702A Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, in the county of Hants, formerly carrying on business at that address as a decorator under the name or style of "The Decorative Arts."

Daniel Gilbert Thomas, 48 Maesteg Road, Cwmlfelin, Maesteg, in the county of Glamorgan, garage proprietor, carrying on business at Cross Garage, Llynfi Lane, Maesteg aforesaid.

ORDERS ANNULLING, REVOKING, OR RESCINDING ORDERS.

Miss Pauline Leon, 2 Wilton Place, London, S.W.1, commission agent and authoress.

Alfred Thomas Bessant, 2 Gretton Road, Winchcomb, in the county of Gloucester, taxi driver.

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