

[1441]



VICTORIA GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

Published by Authority.

Registered at the General Post Office, Melbourne, for transmission by post as a newspaper.

No. 116]

THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

[1942

COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

STATE OF VICTORIA.

AIR RAID WARNING SYSTEM ORDER.

ORDER No. 27.

WHEREAS by Regulation 35A of the Commonwealth National Security (General) Regulations it is provided that the Premier of any State may after consultation with the Minister of State for Home Security or an officer of the Department of Home Security authorized by that Minister to act on his behalf and with the Commandant of a Military District or an officer authorized by the Minister of State for Defence Co-ordination or the Minister of State for the Army to act on behalf of such Commandant, by Order—

- (a) direct any total or partial "black-out", and may prohibit or regulate the display of lights of any description within the State; and
- (b) make such provision as he deems necessary to protect the persons and property of the civil population in that State or any part thereof in case of emergency,

and that all persons within such State or area (as the case may be) to which such Order applies shall comply with the requirements of that Order:

Now therefore I, Albert Arthur Dunstan, Premier of the State of Victoria, having duly held such consultations, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Air Raid Warning System Order (Victoria) No. 2. Citation.

2. The Air Raid Warning System Order is amended as follows:— Amendments.

- (a) By omitting from clause 1 the words "Air Raid Warning System Order" and inserting in their stead the words "Air Raid Warning System Order (Victoria)";
- (b) By omitting clause 6 thereof and inserting in its stead the following clauses:—

"6. Signals which may be sounded by means of sirens or of other approved devices shall be sounded in the manner and shall be known by the names indicated as follows:— Manner of sounding and names of signals.

- (a) The first signal shall consist of a series of short blasts of five seconds duration with five seconds interval and it shall be known as the 'First Signal' or as the 'Raid Impending Signal';

(b) The second signal shall consist of a continuous blast of approximately two minutes duration and it shall be known as the 'Second Signal' or as the 'Raiders Passed Signal'.

Duty of
drivers, &c.,
on the
sounding of
Air Raid
Signals.

6A. (1) The owner, driver or person in control of any vehicle shall on the sounding of the First Signal—

(a) immediately extinguish or cause to be extinguished all lights on such vehicle and keep all such lights extinguished until the sounding of the Second Signal; and

(b) if such vehicle is in a public place, immediately bring, or cause to be brought to a halt such vehicle as near as practicable to the kerb or road-side and shall keep such vehicle stationary until the sounding of the Second Signal.

(2) No person shall, between the sounding of the First and Second Signals drive any vehicle in a public place.

Exemptions.

6B. The provisions of the last preceding clause of this Order shall not apply to the following vehicles, viz. :—

Vehicles approved by the Chief Commissioner of Police for use for ambulance services;

Vehicles of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria;

Vehicles of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board or of the Country Fire Brigades Board;

Vehicles of the Commonwealth of Australia engaged in the maintenance of essential services;

Vehicles of the armed forces of His Majesty or of any Power allied or associated with His Majesty in any war in which His Majesty is engaged;

Vehicles of the Police Department;

Vehicles of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works;

Vehicles approved by the Chief Commissioner of Police for use in connexion with air raid precautions;

Trains, tramcars and motor buses of the Victorian Railways Commissioners;

Tramcars and motor buses of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; and

Such other vehicles as are specified by the Chief Commissioner of Police by notice published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*."

3. The Lighting Restriction Order (Victoria) is hereby amended by omitting clauses 12 and 13 thereof.

A. A. DUNSTAN,

Premier of the State of Victoria.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1942.

COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL)
REGULATIONS.

STATE OF VICTORIA.

CONTROL OF LIFTS ORDER.

ORDER No. 28.

WHEREAS by Regulation 35A of the Commonwealth National Security (General) Regulations it is provided, *inter alia*, that the Premier of any State, after consultation with the Minister of State for Home Security or an officer of the Department of Home Security authorized by that Minister to act on his behalf and with the Commandant of a Military District or an officer authorized by the Minister of State for Defence Co-ordination or the Minister of State for the Army to act on behalf of such Commandant, may by Order make such provision as he deems necessary to protect the persons and property of the civil population in that State or any part thereof in case of emergency:

Now therefore I, Albert Arthur Dunstan, Premier of the State of Victoria, having duly held such consultations, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Control of Lifts Order (Victoria). Citation.
2. In this Order, unless inconsistent with the context or subject-
matter— Interpretation.
 - "First signal" or "second signal" shall mean respectively "first signal" or "second signal" within the meaning of the Air Raid Warning System Order, or any amendment thereof.
3. (1) Any lift operated by hydraulic power and used for the conveyance of passengers or goods shall at the conclusion of the business carried on in the building on any day be stationed at the lowest landing of such building and remain so stationed until the commencement of business on the next succeeding business day. Lifts to be immobilized at close of business day.
 - (2) Any other lift used for the conveyance of passengers or goods shall at the conclusion of the business carried on in the building on any day be stationed at the top landing of such building and remain so stationed until the commencement of business on the next succeeding business day.
 - (3) The power used for the operation of any lift shall be disconnected after the lift has been stationed in accordance with sub-clause (1) or sub-clause (2) of this clause, and remain so disconnected until the commencement of business on the next succeeding business day.
4. (1) When the first signal is sounded the person operating the lift shall— Immobilization of lifts during air raids
 - (a) in the case of a lift operated by hydraulic power, take such lift to the lowest landing of the building, discharge all passengers, lock the enclosure door, and disconnect the power used for the operation of the lift;
 - (b) in the case of any other lift, take the lift to the nearest floor in the direction of travel, there discharge all passengers, and after all passengers have been discharged take the lift to the top landing and disconnect the power used for the operation of the lift.
 - (2) There shall be appointed by the owner of every building in which there is an unattended lift a person whose duty it shall be, when the first signal is sounded, to take such steps as are necessary to secure compliance with the last preceding sub-clause.
 - (3) No lift other than a hydraulic lift shall be used to evacuate persons from upper floors after the sounding of the first signal.

(4) When the second signal is sounded the person by whom or under whose control a lift is operated may, unless the building in which the lift is installed or the equipment of the lift has sustained damage, connect the power and resume the operation of the lift.

(5) Except as required by this Order no person shall operate a lift between the first and second signals.

Damaged lifts
to be
inspected.

5. Where a building in which a lift is installed or the equipment of any lift sustains damage as the result of enemy action, the lift shall not be used for the conveyance of passengers or goods until the equipment has been examined by some competent person and certified by him to be in running order.

Monthly
inspection
of
hydraulic
stop
valve.

6. The owner of every building in which a hydraulic lift is installed shall ensure that any hydraulic stop valve controlling the hydraulic supply to such lift shall be inspected by some competent person once in every month.

Enforcement
of Order.

7. (1) The owner of the building in which a lift is installed shall be responsible for compliance with this Order, in addition to the person by whom or under whose control the lift is operated.

(2) No person shall obstruct or hinder any person in the execution of any act required to be done under or pursuant to this Order.

A. A. DUNSTAN,
Premier of the State of Victoria.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1942.

No. 94.