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TO MAKE FURTHER PROVISION WITH RESPECT TO WIRELESS
TELEGRAPHY ON SHIPS.

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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Wireless Telegraphy) Law, 1922, and shall be construed as one with the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1916, so far as the same shall be applicable or shall be made applicable to Cyprus.

Interpretation.

2. For the purpose of this Law:—

“ Passenger steamer ” means a steamer which carries more than twelve passengers.

“ Wireless telegraphy inspector ” means an officer appointed by the High Commissioner under the provisions of this Law.

Wireless telegraphy inspectors.

3. The High Commissioner may appoint officers as wireless telegraphy inspectors, who shall have the same duties and powers as if they had been appointed wireless telegraphy inspectors under the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914.

Wireless telegraphy requirements.

4.—(1.) Every seagoing British ship registered in Cyprus being a passenger steamer or a ship of sixteen hundred tons gross tonnage or upwards shall be provided with a wireless telegraph installation and shall maintain a wireless telegraph service which shall be at least sufficient to comply with the rules made for the purpose under this Law, and shall be provided with one or more certified operators and watchers, at least, in accordance with those rules:

Provided that the High Commissioner in Council may exempt from the obligations imposed by this Law any ships or classes of ships if he is of opinion that, having regard to the nature of the voyages on which the ships are engaged, or other circumstances of the case, the provision of a wireless telegraph apparatus is unnecessary or unreasonable.

(2.) The High Commissioner in Council shall make rules prescribing the nature of the wireless telegraph installation to be provided, of the services to be maintained, and the number, grade, and qualifications of operators and watchers to be carried:

Provided that no ship shall be required to carry more than one operator unless more than one operator would have been required under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, as applicable to Cyprus.

(3.) If this section is not complied with in the case of any ship, the master or owner of the ship shall be liable in respect of each offence to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds.

(4.) A surveyor of ships or a wireless telegraphy inspector may inspect any ship for the purpose of seeing that she is properly provided with a wireless telegraph installation and certified operators and watchers in conformity with this Law, and for the purpose of that inspection shall have all the powers of a Board of Trade inspector under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1916.

If the said surveyor or inspector finds that the ship is not so provided, he shall give to the master or owner notice in writing pointing out the deficiency, and also pointing out what in his opinion is requisite to remedy the same.

Every notice so given shall be communicated in the manner directed by the High Commissioner in Council to the chief officer of customs of any port at which the ship may seek to obtain a clearance or transire, and the ship shall be detained until a certificate under the hand of any such surveyor or inspector is produced to the effect that the ship is properly provided with wireless telegraph installation and certified operators and watchers in conformity with this Law.

(5) The obligations imposed by this Law shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, the obligations as to wireless telegraphy imposed by or under the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1904, the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, as applicable to Cyprus, or the Wireless Telegraphy Law, 1913.

5. The foregoing provisions of this Law shall, as from a date three months after the coming into operation of the obligations imposed by this Law on British ships registered in Cyprus, apply to ships other than British ships registered in Cyprus, while they are within any port in Cyprus in like manner as they apply to British ships so registered.

Application
to ships not
registered
in Cyprus.

6. This Law shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the High Commissioner by notice in the *Cyprus Gazette*.⁽¹⁾

Date of
coming into
operation.

⁽¹⁾ 1st August, 1923.