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PRIVATE EXPERIMENTAL (AMATEUR) RADIO STATIONS REGULATIONS

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1. Private experimental (amateur) radioelectric station licences, in the form of the Schedule hereto, may be issued in respect of stations to be established and operated by persons solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.
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 - (1) The licensee shall observe at the said station the provisions of the Radiocommunication Act and any Act amending or replacing the same for the time being in force and the regulations from time to time in force thereunder.
 - (2) All the general rules laid down in the General Radiocommunication Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention shall apply to amateur stations.
3. Any person over the age of 14 desirous of erecting or operating an amateur station must prove to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Department of Communications that he is capable of sending and receiving in the Morse code at least 12 words per minute, 5 letters to the word, and that he has an adequate knowledge of the principles of the adjustment and operation of the radio apparatus used in a typical amateur station.²
4. The power permitted to be used by amateur stations shall be determined by the Minister, but shall not exceed 500 watts of radiated energy.³

5. Transmission will only be permitted on such bands of frequencies as are allocated by the General Radiocommunication Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunications Convention for amateur use.
6. The use of waves of type A2 and type B is prohibited.
7. The high-tension anode supply of valve transmitters shall be such that its wave form is practically a straight line, i.e. equivalent to a constant current supply. If the anode current is obtained from an alternating-current source, it shall be smoothed by rectifying and filtering before being applied to the anode of the transmitting valve: if obtained from a generator the current must likewise be filtered to minimise commutator ripple.
8. The licensee of an amateur station shall so work the apparatus as not to interfere with the working of any Radiocommunication Station in the Kingdom, or with Naval or maritime signalling on the waters or territory of the Kingdom.
9. The licensee of an amateur station shall cause the station to be so designed and operated that local interference due to keying impacts and dynamic instability is precluded.
10. In the event of the operation of an amateur station causing general interference with broadcast reception by receiving apparatus of modern design, the licensee of the station concerned shall forthwith cease to operate the station on the frequency or frequencies which cause interference until such interference is removed. Should the complete elimination of the interference be impossible, then the Minister may permit the operation of the station on such conditions and at such times as he may think fit.⁴
11. Except as may be provided herein or with special approval of the Minister, amateur stations shall be used for the purpose of communicating with stations of similar class only.⁵
12. Licensees of amateur stations shall not transmit or receive messages for hire nor engage in communication for material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised.
13. Licensees of amateur stations shall not transmit or receive messages for any third party, whether for reward or otherwise, other than for a member of their immediate family.
14. All communications from amateur stations must be conducted in plain language either in English or French and must be limited to messages and remarks of a

personal character or research for which, by reason of their unimportance, recourse to the public telegraph service would not enter into consideration.

15. The exchange of communications with private experimental stations in another country is forbidden if the administration of the country concerned has notified objection thereto.
16. The issue of a licence to operate a private experimental amateur station shall not confer upon the licensee the right to transmit matter of a news or entertainment character, or in any respect to usurp the functions of a broadcasting station.
17. Licensees of amateur stations shall keep a record of all transmissions showing the date, time, station called or worked, the frequency and system (i.e. A1 or A3) employed.
18. The licensee of an amateur station shall not divulge or allow to be divulged to any person (other than a duly authorized officer of His Majesty's Government or a competent legal tribunal), or make any use whatsoever of, any message received by means of his apparatus, except messages in connection with his experiments received from another experimental amateur station.
19. The installation shall be open to inspection by the Secretary of the Department of Communications or his authorized officers who may, from time to time, enter upon the licensed experimental amateur station for the purpose of inspection, and may inspect any apparatus fixed or in use in such station for the purpose of sending and receiving messages by means of radiocommunication, the working of such apparatus and the records kept of all communications as laid down in regulation 17.⁶
20. In the case of any breach, nonobservance or nonperformance by the licensee of any or part of these regulations, then and in any such case the Minister may, by writing under his hand, cancel the licence to operate an experimental amateur station.⁷
21. If and when in the opinion of the Minister an emergency shall have arisen in which it is expedient for the public service that the Government should have control over the use of the licensed apparatus he may, by warrant under his hand, direct and cause the licensed apparatus or any part thereof to be taken possession of in the name and on behalf of His Majesty and to be used for His Majesty's Service, and in that event any person authorized by the Minister shall enter upon the experimental amateur station or any of them and take possession thereof and use the same as aforesaid.⁸

22. The licensee shall at all times indemnify His Majesty's Government against all actions, claims and demands which may be brought or made by any corporation company or person in respect of any injury arising from any act authorized by this licence.

23. The fee for a private amateur station licence shall be \$20 per annum, and the fee for the renewal of such a licence shall be \$10 per annum. Such fees shall be payable in advance.⁹

SCHEDULE¹⁰
KINGDOM OF TOGA

District Licence No

Licence to establish and operate a Private Experimental amateur Radioelectric Station.
(Issued under authority of the Radiocommunication Act and regulations made thereunder.)

Name of licensee

Nationality

Address where apparatus installed

Call signPower permittedwatts

Date of expiry

Amount paid: \$

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Minister.

ENDNOTES

¹ **1988 Revised Edition, Chapter 98** G. 19/1934, G. 43/1949, GS 123/1979

² Amended by GS 10 of 2000-B

³ Amended by G 43 of 1949

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⁴ Amended by GS 10 of 2000-B

⁵ Amended by GS 10 of 2000-B

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⁷ Amended by GS 10 of 2000-B

⁸ Amended by GS 10 of 2000-B

⁹ Substituted by GS 123 of 1979

¹⁰ Amended by GS 10 of 2000-B