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NOTIFICATION OF THE MAKING OF REGULATIONS.

Regulations may be purchased at the Government Printing Office at the price indicated.

Title of Act.	Citation of Statutory Rule.	Particulars of Regulations comprised in Statutory Rule.	Date on which made.	To come into operation.	Price of Statutory Rule.
<i>Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1916</i>	S.R. 1920, No. 1	Post and Telegraph Regulation 235 (Return of parcels on request before delivery)	31.12.19	Forthwith	s. d. 0 3
<i>War Precautions Act 1914-1918</i>	S.R. 1920, No. 2	War Precautions (Companies, firms, and businesses) Regulations.—Regulation 1A is amended by adding at the end thereof the following definitions:—"Capital," "Foreign Company," "Foreign Firm," "Registration," "Private Company." Regulation 4 is repealed. Regulations 2 (Registration of firms, private companies, &c., whose members or shareholders are not natural-born British subjects); 3 (Registration of foreign companies or firms or of companies or firms to carry on business outside the Commonwealth; 5 (Issue of capital or sale of shares or assets to persons outside British Empire); 5b (Consent of Treasurer; how obtained) are repealed, and new regulations made in lieu thereof. After sub-regulation (3) of regulation 5b is inserted sub-regulation (4) (Consent of Treasurer to any application not to be made use of in furtherance of the objects of the company or firm)	31.12.19	Forthwith	0 3

W. M. HUGHES, Prime Minister.

Prime Minister's Department,
2nd January, 1920.

REWARD BY THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FOR THE DISCOVERY OF PETROLEUM OIL IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

A REWARD of £10,000 will be paid by the Commonwealth Government for the discovery of petroleum oil in commercial quantities in Australia, subject to the following conditions:—

(1) Any person* who is engaged in boring for oil in Australia, and who desires to be considered as a possible claimant for the reward shall—

- (a) within two months after this date, if he has already begun boring,
- (b) within two weeks from the date of his commencing boring,

* The word "person" includes person, firm, or company.

notify the Minister for Home and Territories in writing at his office in Melbourne. He shall at the same time furnish the following information:—

Precise locality of bore;

If any work done, a full statement relating thereto, including complete and technically correct daily records of strata passed through, sizes of casing and lengths of each size, particulars with regard to the striking of water, fresh, salt, or otherwise, mineralized, hot springs, showings of gas and oil.

(2) He shall, at intervals of not less than one month from the date of above notification, send to the Minister for Home and Territories, and to the Minister for Mines in the State in which he is boring, a full report of all work done on or in connexion with the bore since last report.

(3) The Minister for Home and Territories, and the Minister for Mines for the State, or either of them, may authorize

any officer to visit the bore, inspect all operations and records, examine all material extracted from the bore hole, satisfy himself that proper steps are being taken to insure maximum production and to prevent flooding by water of possible oil-bearing strata, examine storage tanks, take test samples at various depths, and make tests with standard apparatus to ascertain the quantity of water present.

Every facility shall be afforded by the claimant and his employees to such officer to make such investigations as he may deem fit.

(4) Should any oil-bearing strata be passed through in the course of boring operations, samples of the oil shall be taken, and not less than 2 gallons, free from water and other removable impurities, shall be sent to the Minister for Home and Territories and the Minister for Mines in sealed receptacles, with properly authenticated certificates as to the manner in which the oil was obtained.

(5) No payment of the reward shall be authorized unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the Minister that oil to the extent of 50,000 gallons has been obtained, and that the bore is still flowing freely and producing oil in commercial quantities.

(6) If any dispute arises—

- (a) as to who is entitled to the reward; or
- (b) as to the manner in which the reward is to be distributed in cases where there are more claimants than one; or
- (c) whether the conditions to be fulfilled in order to entitle the claimant to the reward have been fulfilled; or
- (d) in any way concerning the claim to be a *bona fide* discoverer of oil in commercial quantities or for reward;

the Minister for Home and Territories may determine the dispute, and his decision shall be final and conclusive.

W. M. HUGHES, Prime Minister.

Memorandum to the Honorable Secretary of the Navy

Washington, D.C.

January 1, 1918

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