

ALTERATION AND DUPLICATION OF DOCUMENTS.

24. (1) For the purpose of this regulation "document" means any certificate of registration of an alien or variation thereof, or license to work on wharves or shipping, and includes a duplicate of a document.

(2) No person shall—

(a) Alter or deface any document, and any document so altered or defaced shall be void ; or

(b) Lend or part with any license issued to him.

(3) Upon the return of any document rendered illegible or spoilt by weather or otherwise or upon proof to his satisfaction that a document has been destroyed, stolen, or lost, a Registration Officer may, upon application of the person to whom the document was issued, and upon payment of a fee of 2s., issue a duplicate of such document.

Every duplicate so issued shall have the word "Duplicate" written or printed thereon and be verified by the signature of a Registration Officer, and the production of a duplicate document shall be of the same effect as the production of the original document.

EXEMPTIONS.

25. (1) The Minister may, by writing under his hand delivered to the person concerned and notified to the Commissioner of Police, exempt wholly or in part from the provisions of these regulations—

(a) Any person who is both a British subject as hereinbefore defined and is also or at any time has been according to the laws of any State with which His Majesty is at war a national of that State ; or

(b) Any other person to whom it is in his opinion desirable in the national interest that such exemption should be granted.

(2) Any such exemption may in like manner at any time be withdrawn.

OFFENCES.

26. Any person who fails to comply with any of the foregoing requirements, or who in any application for registration or notice of change of abode or application for a duplicate document or in any communication relating to the subject-matter of these regulations makes any false or misleading statement, commits an offence against these regulations.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

27. In any proceedings for an offence against these regulations the onus of proving that he has complied with the regulations shall lie on the person charged with such offence.

28. In any proceedings for a breach of these regulations where nationality is in issue evidence of repute, belief, or hearsay or any other evidence shall be admissible in proof of nationality, whether such evidence would otherwise be legally admissible or not.

29. Section 50 of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1927, shall have no application to a prosecution for an offence against these regulations.