Act No. 7 of 1963

THE EAST AFRICAN POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1963

Assented to on behalf of the East African Common Services Organization.

JULIUS K. NYERERE.

Date: 3rd June, 1963. President of Tanganvika.

W. F. COUTTS.

Governor-General of Uganda. Date: 31st May, 1963.

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

Date: 30th May, 1963. Governor of Kenva.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EAST AFRICAN POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT

Date of commencement: 3rd June, 1963

ENACTED by the President of Tanganyika, the Governor-General of Uganda and the Governor of Kenya on behalf of the East African Common Services Organization with the advice and consent of the East African Central Legislative Assembly.

1. This Act may be cited as the East African Posts and Short title. Telecommunications (Amendment) Act. 1963.

2. Section 81 of the East African Posts and Telecommunications Act, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, is amended by substituting for subsection (1) thereof the following subsection: -

Amendment of section 81 of Cap. 4.

"(1) Any person-

- (a) who establishes or uses any radio communication station or possesses radio communication apparatus without a licence issued by the Postmaster General; or
- (b) who sells or lets on hire or otherwise disposes of any radio communication apparatus to any person unless such person holds a valid licence in respect of such apparatus,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment:

Provided that the Postmaster General may by regulations made under section 84 of this Act exempt from the provisions of this subsection such classes or descriptions of persons, radio communication stations or radio communication apparatus as may be specified in such regulations, either absolutely or subject to such conditions as may be specified.".

Amendment of section 84 of the principal Act.

- 3. Section 84 of the principal Act is amended—
- (a) by deleting the word "and" which appears at the end of paragraph (e) thereof;
- (b) by substituting for the comma which appears at the end of paragraph (f) thereof a semi-colon and adding immediately thereafter the word "and"; and
- (c) by inserting immediately after the word "vessel", in paragraph (f) where that word occurs for the third time, the following new paragraph—
 - "(g) controlling the importation, acquisition, manufacture and sale, letting on hire, or other disposition of radio communication apparatus of any kind, or the possession or use or installation of such apparatus.".

Replacement of section 90 of principal Act.

- 4. Section 90 of the principal Act shall be repealed and the following section substituted therefor—
 - 90. Any person who—
 - (a) contravenes any regulation made under section 84 of this Act or causes or permits any radio communication station or apparatus to be established or used in contravention of such Regulations or the terms of any licence issued in respect thereof; or

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(b) without reasonable excuse, contravenes the provisions of subsection (5) of section 81 of this Act,

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and liable on conviction therefor to a fine not exceeding one thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment:

Provided that if any such offence consists of a contravention of the provisions of subsection (5) of section 81 of this Act the offender shall, in the case of a first offence, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month and in the case of any subsequent offence to the penalties first set out above."