CHAPTER 151

SECURITY OF COMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE

To provide for such measures as may be necessary for the security of communications in the interests of naval, military and air force operations.

(31st October, 1956)*

ORDINANCE I of 1956, as amended by Legal Notice 4 of 1963; Act XIII of 1983; and Legal Notice 410 of 2007.

Short title.

1. The short title of this Ordinance is the Security of Communi-cations Ordinance.

Regulations. *Amended by: L.N. 4 of 1963.*

2. (1) The Prime Minister may make regulations to provide for such measures as he may from time to time consider to be necessary for the security of communications to any place outside Malta, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, such regulations may provide for any of the following measures:

(*a*) delay in the despatch of postal matter from Malta;

(*b*) delay or interruption of telecommunications with any place outside Malta;

(*c*) that telegrams shall not be transmitted to any place outside Malta without such authority as may be prescribed;

(*d*) the control of wireless transmission.

(2) Any regulation made in pursuance of subarticle (1) may provide for the making of orders and other instruments, and may contain such incidental and supplementary provisions as appear to the Prime Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the regulations.

Penalties. *Amended by: XIII. 1983.5; L.N. 410 of 2007.*

3. If any person commits an offence against any regulation made in pursuance of article 2(1), or contravenes or fails to comply with any such regulation, or any order made under such regulation, or any direction or requirement imposed under any such regulation, he shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to a fine (*multa*) not exceeding two hundred and thirty-two euro and ninety-four cents (232.94).

Government communications.

4. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any communications made by the Government of Malta.

See Maltese Imperial Government Notice No. 72 of the 31st of October, 1956.