PART VI.—RULES CONCERNING OPERATING PROCEDURE OF AMATEUR STATIONS.

SECRECY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

120. Neither an amateur station licensee nor any person acting on his behalf or by his permission shall divulge to any person (other than properly authorized officials of the Commonwealth of Australia or a competent legal tribunal), or make any use whatever, of the contents of any message (or even the knowledge of the existence of such message) coming under the notice of the licensee or any such person by means of the licensed amateur station.

CALL SIGNS, CALLS AND TESTS.

121. International call signs consist of:—

(a) three letters in the case of land stations;

(b) three letters, or three letters followed by a single figure (except 0 or 1) in the case of fixed stations;

(c) four letters in the case of ship stations;

(d) five letters in the case of aircraft stations;

(e) one or two letters and a single figure (except 0 or 1) followed by a group of not more than three letters in the case of amateur stations.

122. The nationality of a station is indicated by the first letter or letters of the call sign.

123. The letters "VK" precede all amateur call signs allotted in Australia and its Territories, and the State and Territory figure identifications are as follows:—

2	New South Wales.
3	Victoria.
4	Queensland.
5	South Australia.
6	Western Australia.
7	Tasmania.
9	Papua-New Guinea.

124. A call sign is allotted to an amateur station for use only as a station identification for communication purposes. Its use as an advertisement on business premises, or business letterheads, or in any way in association with business activities or interests is, therefore, prohibited.

125. In the event of an amateur station licensee misusing the call sign assigned to his station, the Chief Inspector (Wireless) may prohibit its further use by the licensee concerned and allot a new call sign.

126. The call in morse comprises the signal — . — . — sent once, the call sign of the station called sent not more than three times, the word "de" sent once, the call sign of the station calling sent not more than three times, and the signal . — . — . The reply to the call comprises the signal — . — . — sent once, the call sign of the station called sent not more than three times, the word "de" sent once, the call sign of the station calling sent not more than three times, the strength of signals indication (QSA . . . .) and the invitation to transmit (K).

Example of call:—

— . — . — VK7AB VK7AB VK7AB — . . . VK9YZ VK9YZ VK9YZ . — . — .

Example of reply:—

— . — . — VK9YZ VK9YZ VK9YZ — . . . VK7AB VK7AB VK7AB QSA 5 — . —

127. Amateur station licensees desiring to communicate with no definite station may use the signal "CQ" sent three times in place of the call sign of the called station.

Example:—

— . — . — CQ CQ CQ — . . . VK3YZ VK3YZ VK3YZ . — . — . . — . — .