

145. Members of the committees observe transmissions and log amateur stations whose transmissions are contrary to departmental requirements. Each committee, with the authority of the Department, as occasion demands, also issues a notification to any licensee who is guilty of a breach or whose transmissions are considered to be below the standard required by the Department. If the notification is ignored, the committee refers the matter to the Department.

146. In any case in which it is necessary to issue a notification, the recipient is requested to accept it in the right spirit, and to take steps either to improve his transmission or to refrain from infringing the Regulations. It should be realized that the duty of an observer is an unenviable one, and it should not be concluded that a notification is forwarded as the result of personal animus. The Department, through its representative on the committee, will ensure that no discrimination is shown by any member of a committee towards any amateur station licensee.

EMERGENCY OPERATION.

147. The Department may grant approval for the formation of, and may specify the conditions of operation for, an organization, comprised of amateur station licensees, instituted for the purpose of assisting with communications in times of emergency such as bush fires, floods, etc. On such occasions, restrictions may be placed on the use of certain frequencies, by amateur stations not included in such organization, under conditions considered most suitable for the maintenance of essential communications.

148. Any amateur station licensee whose station is included in an emergency network shall, during the existence of an emergency or in practices associated with preparation for an emergency, confine his transmissions solely to those essential for the handling of emergency traffic. Casual conversation or unnecessary calling or testing shall be prohibited.

PHONETIC ALPHABET.

149. When using telephony, call signs are liable to be misunderstood on account of phonetic similarity. To overcome this difficulty, phonetic alphabets have been introduced. The following table is now used generally by Signals Units of the Defence Forces and in the Civil Aviation Service, and is suggested as being most suitable for use by amateur station licensees:—

A—Able	H—How	O—Oboe	U—Uncle
B—Baker	I—Item	P—Peter	V—Victor
C—Charlie	J—Jig	Q—Queen	W—William
D—Dog	K—King	R—Roger	X—X-ray
E—Easy	L—Love	S—Sugar	Y—Yoke
F—Fox	M—Mike	T—Tare	Z—Zebra
G—George	N—Nan		

150. For the purpose of uniformity it is desirable, though not compulsory, for amateur station licensees to adhere to the phonetic alphabet given in the preceding paragraph. Should, however, other phonetics be used, care must be taken to select those that will not contravene departmental requirements as set out in paragraph 138 of this Handbook.