



**SUPPLEMENT No. 2**

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3246 OF 6TH JUNE, 1946.  
LEGISLATION.

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**THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS**

**No. 10 OF 1946.**

A LAW TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE TAKING  
OF CENSUS.

C. C. WOOLLEY,  
*Governor.*

[4th June, 1946.]

**B**E it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as  
follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Census Law, 1946.

Short title.

2. In this Law:—

Interpreta-  
tion.

“census” includes the collection of statistical  
information respecting the property, production, trade,  
employment, earnings, health, education or any  
condition of the people.

“Census Officer” means any person appointed under  
section 6 (a) of this Law.

“Superintendent” means the person appointed  
by the Governor under section 5 of this Law to carry  
out the taking of any census and includes any person  
appointed to be an Assistant Superintendent.

Power to Governor in Council to direct taking of census.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Law, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council by Order from time to time to direct that a census shall be taken in Cyprus, or any part of Cyprus, and any Order under this section shall be published in the *Gazette* and it may prescribe—

- (a) the date on which or the period during which such census is to be taken;
- (b) the persons by whom and with respect to whom the returns for such census are to be made;
- (c) the particulars to be stated in the returns.

Regulations.

4. For the purpose of enabling any Order in Council directing a census to be taken to be carried into effect, the Governor may make regulations to be published in the *Gazette*—

- (a) providing for the division of Cyprus into areas for the purpose of any census;
- (b) providing with respect to the forms to be used for the taking of such census;
- (c) requiring the persons by whom and with respect to whom the returns are to be made to answer any particulars contained in the forms;
- (d) requiring information to be given to the Census Officers by persons by whom and with respect to whom the returns are to be made;
- (e) making provision for any other matters with respect to which it is necessary to make provision for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the Order in Council.

Appointment of Superintendent.

5. It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint any person to be Superintendent to carry out any census and to appoint such person as to the Governor shall seem desirable to be Assistant Superintendent.

Duty of Superintendent to carry out census.

6. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to make generally such arrangements and do all such things as are necessary for the taking of a census in accordance with the provisions of this Law and of any Order in Council or regulations made thereunder and in particular he shall—

- (a) appoint such persons to be Census Officers as may seem to him necessary for the taking of a census;
- (b) make arrangements for the preparation of the necessary forms; and
- (c) issue instructions for the distribution, completion and collection of the forms.

Appointment of Census Officers.

7. All Census Officers shall be appointed in writing under the hand of the Superintendent and the production of such appointment shall be sufficient proof of the

authority of such officers to act in that behalf for the taking of a census. Such appointment shall state the area within which any Census Officer is empowered to exercise such authority.

8. All Census Officers shall, before entering upon their duties, take oath in the form set out in the Schedule hereto before the Registrar of a District Court. Census Officers' Oath.

9. The Superintendent shall as soon as possible after the taking of a census prepare reports on the census returns and shall transmit such reports to the Colonial Secretary. Superintendent to prepare reports.

10. Every person who has the custody or charge of any public records or documents, or of any records or documents of any corporation, from which information relating to the objects of any census ordered under this Law may be obtained, or which would aid in the completion of such census, shall grant to any person specially authorized in writing by the Superintendent, access thereto for the purpose of obtaining such information therefrom. Access to records.

11. No returns or other documents made or obtained in connection with the taking of a census shall be open to inspection by the public and no such returns or other documents and no information obtained in connection with the taking of a census shall be admissible or used in evidence in any civil or criminal proceedings whatsoever except in criminal proceedings for an offence under this Law. Secrecy of census returns.

12.—(1) If any person (including a Census Officer)—

Offences and penalties.

(a) wilfully refuses or neglects to comply with or acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this Law or any Order in Council or regulations made thereunder or of any instructions issued by the Superintendent under section 6 (c) of this Law ; or

(b) being a person required by any Order in Council or regulations made under the provisions of this Law or by any instructions issued by the Superintendent to make, sign or deliver any document, makes, signs or delivers or causes to be made signed or delivered a false document ; or

(c) being a person required in pursuance of any such Order in Council or regulations or by any instructions issued by the Superintendent to answer any question, refuses to answer or gives a false answer to that question ; or

(d) wilfully obstructs, or attempts to obstruct, the Superintendent or any Census Officer or person authorized in writing by the Superintendent, from obtaining any information to which he is entitled, or from having access to any records or documents under the provisions of this Law,

he shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

(2) If any person (including a Census Officer)—

(a) being a person employed in taking a census, without lawful authority publishes or communicates to any person otherwise than in the ordinary course of such employment any information acquired by him in the course of such employment; or

(b) having possession of any information which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of this Law, publishes or communicates that information to any other person; or

(c) in the pretended performance of duties under this Law, obtains or seeks to obtain information which he is not duly authorized so to obtain,

he shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Expenses of Superintendent to be defrayed out of general revenue.

13. Any expenses incurred by the Superintendent in connection with the taking of a census or otherwise in exercise of his powers or the performance of his duties under this Law shall be defrayed out of the general revenue of the Colony.

Repeal. 34 of 1930.

14. The Census Law, 1930, is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

OATH BY CENSUS OFFICER.—(Section 8).

I,....., a Census Officer appointed for taking a census under the provisions of the Census Law, 1946, do swear that I will make a true and exact enumeration of all the inhabitants within the area assigned to me; that I will faithfully collect all other particulars as provided for in the Census Law, 1946, and in any Order in Council or regulations made thereunder, and in conformity with all lawful instructions which I may receive; and that I will not disclose to any one, except to my superior officers, any information respecting any matter or any particular person, obtained by me in connection with the taking of the census.

(Signed).....  
Census Officer.

R. E. TURNBULL,  
Colonial Secretary.

4th June, 1946.