

#### IV.—ISSUE OF ELECTRIC LAMPS TO THE WATERGUARD SERVICE.

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The Board have authorised the extension of the issue of electric lamps to all Assistant Preventive Officers on boarding and rummaging duties, and have approved after consultation with the Staff Side representatives a new type of lamp which will be issued in fulfilment of all future requisitions.

The new lamps are of cylindrical pattern, of the same lighting capacity as the former flat pattern, with batteries having a similar length of life. As the batteries are known to deteriorate during storage, not more than two months' stock should be held, and care should be taken to issue the last of the previous supply before issuing from a fresh supply. Stocks should be kept cool and dry and where damp conditions prevail batteries should be kept wrapped in brown paper to exclude moisture from condensation, which tends to discharge them. In particular discharged batteries and also unused batteries should not be allowed to remain in lamps not in daily use, because of the liability of a discharged battery to swell and become fixed inside the lamp.

Reports are to be forwarded as early as possible to the Superintendent of Stores, through Waterguard Superintendents, from each port, sub-port and creek, stating:—

- (a) the number of Assistant Preventive Officers whose duties require the use of a lamp;

- (b) the number of electric lamps at present available, including any requisitioned but not yet supplied ;
- (c) the estimated number of batteries required to equip the lamps requisitioned, and to provide for two months' replacements.

A proportionate number of bulbs will be issued with the new lamps supplied.

On receipt of the new lamps, all electric lamps on the station should be collected and re-distributed. One lamp is to be issued to each Assistant Preventive Officer on boarding or rummaging duties, who will be held personally responsible for the safe custody and proper use of the lamp issued to him. The oil lamps taken out of use should be retained on the station for use in case of emergency.

A new form of requisition for electric lamp supplies, C. No. 590, has been approved and will be issued in due course to each Officer-in-charge. Requisitions for a fresh supply of batteries should be made two weeks before the batteries are required and should be for a sufficient supply to meet two months' requirements. No objection will be raised to frequent requisitions.

In all future requisitions and correspondence, care is to be taken to distinguish in every instance between the existing flat lamps and batteries and the new pattern cylindrical lamps, using the terms "Flat" and "round" respectively.

General Order No. 14/1924, Part I is hereby cancelled.