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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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23 September, 1944.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Attached are extracts from a D.O. Bulletin No.1 of the Regional Commissioner, Region 1 dated 20 September, 1944. They are passed to you for information and will be treated as strictly confidential.

"The implementation of the vehicle registration scheme here appears to me to be farcical. Large numbers of trucks and cars can be seen on the roads either without any registration form or with an irregular registration form on the windscreen. Undoubtedly, a number of these vehicles may be licensed but not carry their license affixed in the proper place. I feel, however, that there are large numbers of unauthorized vehicles running on petrol irregularly obtained. As regards the Black Market, experience often shows, however, that the worst operations are carried out by properly licensed vehicles. I am taking active steps in this matter with the High Commissioner, particularly as it affects the provision of vehicles for officials and others who really need them for essential duties.

I have personally inspected the most crowded prison on the Island - that of CATANIA. It is stated to have a capacity of about 450 and, at the time of my visit about 3 weeks ago, was holding approximately 1150 prisoners, but it is a large prison and conditions there did not reveal a public scandal such as I met in one case in my last Region. The Director was away on the day of my visit (I make a point of carrying out such visits unannounced) but the prison appeared to be well-run. The prisoners seemed to be receiving their rations, judging from their appearance, and the worst feature was the overcrowding of the larger rooms. There was no overcrowding in the women's section. Steps are in hand to improve the position in this particular area and arrangements have been made very recently for taking over a building, formerly a prison, latterly an Allied Military prison and now occupied by civilian offices or Italian Army. It is hoped to get the necessary work started at a very early date and once started this additional accommodation should be available after a short period.

Work is also in hand to increase prison accommodation in other parts of the Island. If available statistics can be taken as reliable, the prison accommodation situation outside CATANIA is not unsatisfactory, but I shall take an opportunity of checking this if and when opportunity arises".

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G.R. UPJOHN Brigadier
V.P. Admin. Section.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

21 March 1944.

ACC/14402/3/TS

SUBJECT: Bollette issued by RACI, Region I.

TO : Capt. J. T. Manuel, Civil Police Section, HQ Region I.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the bollette indicated below:-

Bolletta N. 01 Statistica autovetture (annuale)	BOLLETTARIO	SI-130
" N. 01 Statistica motocicli (annuale)	"	SI-4
" N. 05 Autoveicoli industriali (quadrim)	"	SI-III
" N. 01 Rimorchi (quadrim)	"	SI-3
" N. 01 Targa in prova (annuale)	"	SI-4

2. It is intended that the bollettari now in use in Region I shall be the standard for use throughout liberated Italy.

3. The Director of RACI, Salerno, is now acting on behalf of the Italian Government, but he is not likely to attempt to disturb any of your regional arrangements. In fact it is intended that the Director RACI Palermo shall arrange for the printing of bollettari within the Region.

4. The issue of motor vehicle permits and authorisations for petroleum products after 1 April 44 will be regulated in unoccupied territory by a Royal decree which the Italian Government is about to publish.

5. These matters will be regulated in AMI territory by General Order No. 20. A standard application form and permit will be used throughout liberated Italy, except that "Italian Government" or "Allied Military Government" will be shown on the forms according to the territory in which used.

6. The application forms should be forwarded to the Italian Officials very shortly.

W.C. Lawrence Capt

for J. A. TAYLOR, Major
Licensing & Registration.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGIONAL HQ OF SICILY

10/2/44

OFFICIAL ORDER:
NO. 631

In view of the necessity of maintaining public safety on the roads and in public areas, the proper operation of all types of vehicles, in the hours and in cases where it is necessary to use signal lights and other devices of a luminous character, vehicles not properly equipped with such devices will not be allowed to circulate and will come under penalties hereunder stated for failure to comply with following regulations.

Therefore, I, Charles POLETTI, Lt. Col. CAPO of Sicily, in view of powers vested in me

ORDER

ART. 1. All vehicles in public service and those that have or might have a velocity of 30 km. per hour, must be equipped with electric illuminating devices.

ART. 2. All other vehicles not having the above velocity may use other than electric devices providing that luminous devices used have an intensity of light equal to electric devices. of white light

ART. 3. All vehicles must have one or two headlights depending on whether they have one or two front wheels.

ART. 4. Vehicles having a velocity of 30 km. per hr. must have besides the headlights must have other lights with double lighting power and which may be dimmed, and which may be contained in the headlights themselves.

ART. 5. Besides the above, vehicles hauling trailers must have a luminous signal in the forward front side of the vehicle and up high, as carried by motor transport vehicles.

ART. 6. All vehicles must also have in the rear a headlamp to illuminate the license plate and to throw a red light to the rear of the vehicle. In the case of trucks with trailers having a width exceeding 1.80 m., sidelights shall be two in number, one for the vehicle

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In the case of trucks with trailers having a width exceeding 1.80 m., sidelights shall be two in number, one for the vehicle itself and circular in shape and the other for the trailer and shall be triangular in shape.

ART. 7. All vehicles in regular public service, those, including trailers, whose width exceeds 1.80 m., delivery wagons, trucks, and wheeled vehicles must have blackout lights. Such lights consist of two white lights in front and two red ones in back.

Vehicles that come under ART. 2 may use other lighting devices but must have the same color effect as article above.

ART. 8. Motorcycles which are asymmetrical must have, instead, or in place of the two lights, one single light of double intensity on the rear side of the vehicle.

ART. 9. All taxicabs, closed cab vehicles, trucks, three wheeled trucks, one wheel in front, those vehicles having a capacity of over 25 quintals and those hauling trailers, and those having a width exceeding 1.80 m., must have a device showing change of direction, either electric or mechanical. If electric, to consist of two luminous indicators of orange light, of elongated shape (arrow) and situated on both sides of vehicle.

~~The use of the "arrow" is obligatory also for vehicles under capacity of 25 qu~~

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ART. 14. The blinking lights of-the-k must never be used.

ART. 15. Headlamps of streetcars shall be blue and so shaded as to reflect only on the ground.

ART. 16. Bicycles shall lights shaded with thick cardboard.

ART. 17. The lights of vehicles drawn by animals must also be blued. Public vehicles shall have in the rear, a luminous blue signal light to shine on the rear axle.

Who fail to make use of the above signals and devices, from a half hour after sundown to a half hour before sunrise, and in the daytime during foggy or unclear weather, shall be punished as follows:

~~ART. 19.~~ Failure to comply with Art. 5 shall be punishable by a fine of from L. 50 to L. 200.

ART. 19. Failure to comply with regulations in ART.s 13 to 17 shall be punished by penalties of ART. 17 of the Law of Public Safety.

ART. 20. The Prefects will give instructions to the Sindaci in the immediate dissemination of this Order.

ART. 21. Police agents will be charged with the duty to see that the above regulations are carried out as stated above.

CHARLES POLETTI
It. Col.
CAPO of Sicily

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viore circa la validità delle patenti di vario grado in rapporto all'uso degli autoveicoli ed alle condizioni da applicarsi a carico di coloro che circolano senza essere in regola col prescritto documento di guida.

Art. 2°- Ogni patente di abilitazione, indipendentemente dal grado che la compete, è valida per la guida di automobili munita della specie di motore (a scoppio, diesel, elettrico etc.) specificato nelle patenti stesse.

Art. 3°- La patente di abilitazione di primo grado è valida per la guida di automobili per uso proprio. Chi è munito di questa patente può guidare indifferentemente macchina propria od altrui, in servizio privato, purché non lo faccia a scopo di lucro.

Art. 4°- La patente di secondo grado, rilasciata a chi esista tra le profes sono di conducente, è valida per la guida di automobili in servizio privato per uso di terzi, e, quindi, anche per uso proprio. Chi è munito della patente di secondo grado può guidare anche autotreni con rimorchi fino a 35 quintali di portata, per i quali non è prescritto il freno continuo.

Art. 5°- La patente di terzo grado, o seconda di quanto in se ne risulta specificato, può essere valida:

a) per la guida di automobili in servizio pubblico da

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di noleggio di rimessa o di locazione col conducente;

b) per la guida di autotreni con freno continuo, cioè, propri di rimorchi aventi portata superiore a 35 quintali;

c) per la guida di autobus in servizio pubblico di linee concesse od autorizzate;

d) per la guida di motocarrozze adibite a servizio pubblico da piazza.

16/2/44.

Capt. W.C. Ballance.

Dear Bill,

Herewith a
3A brief semi-official reply
to your Memo. dated
10th January. I hope the
date was incorrect and
should have read 10th
February because your
note did not reach
me until last evening.
I hasten to send the
collection you require.

Things are quite well
in hand here and the

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

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FILE : RPS 014.1. RI/692/CPS/BJH.
SUBJECT : Motor Vehicle Permits. 16/2/44.
TO : Captain W.C. Ballance,
Registration and Licensing,
Public Safety Sub Commission.

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1. Reference your memorandum dated 10th January, 1944, on above subject.

2. Herewith is forwarded a complete set of the Bollettari issued by R.A.C.I., Palermo as requested. Will you please countersign the enclosed receipt and return in due course.

3. Presumably the General Order covering permits and fuel supplies will not be operative, as published, in this Region, but it would be useful to know its provisions as it is assumed it will be necessary for the Italian Government to issue somewhat similar regulations to govern fuel rationing, etc., which should commence in this Region as from 1st March.

By Order of Lt. Colonel Charles Poletti, RCAO.

J. T. Manuel
J. T. MANUEL,
Captain,
Civil Police Section.
(Registration and Licensing).

Forwarded

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B. J. Hefford
B. J. HEFFORD,
Major,
Supt., Civil Police Section.

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For reply see 14A.

ART. 16. Commisarios. Article are required to apply sanctions as mentioned in ART. 12, 13, & 14, and informing the Ispettorato immediately, according to ART. 17 and 18, and withholding the permits withdrawn.

ART. 17. All infractions of the use of these permits must be indicated on the permits withdrawn together with dates if issue and withdrawal, and also statements of those interested regarding the matter.

ART. 18. If violators of this Order reside in the Provinces of Palermo, Messina, Agrigento, Caltanissetta or Trapani, the Officers or Offices mentioned in ART. 16, must ~~insepiere~~ on the permits themselves notify the Central Directorat at Palermo (of the Ispettorato) of such violations.

ART. 19. Before retired permits are given back, Officers or offices of ART. 16 must write on the back of the permits the reason for their having been withdrawn and also the dates of the period.

ART. 20. The Central Directorate at Palermo and the detached office at Catania of the Ispettorato, taking note of the sanctions that will be adopted from time to time, will make note of all those who violate the provisions of this Order, so that further renewals will be denied such violators.

ART. 20. The Prefects will see to it that the Sindaci will immediately make publicly known the provisions of this Order.

CHARLES POLETTI
It. Col.
SCAQ 9220 Sicily

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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10 January 1944

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicles Permits.

TO : Capt. J.T. Manuel, Public Safety Division
(Registration & Licensing)
Region I

The English text of a General Order covering the issue of motor vehicle permits and authorizations for supplies of petroleum products has been agreed to by AFHQ and approved for issue to all Regions.

The Order provides for the cancellation of General Order No. 2 (Sicily)

A new set of instructions will be issued implementing the Order and AFHQ Administrative Instruction No. 12.

As far as Regions I and II are concerned, other orders are likely to be published which will nullify much of this work.

I am extremely anxious to obtain copies of the Bollettari now being issued in Sicily.

Will you please obtain a complete set from RACI., Palermo, and send it along to me personally by air mail.

W.C. Ballance
W. C. BALLANCE CAPT
Registration & Licensing.

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ADJ. GENERAL

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(5) Record Cards.

This matter will be considered; supplementary instructions may be issued by Regions as to the number of record cards which they wish completed in order to maintain an efficient record system.

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W. C. BALLANCE,
Captain.

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Capo Ballance

The attached queries^{2B} have been given to^{2A} Senor Giacomelli in order, if possible, to ensure uniformity of procedure.

If they cannot be answered at this stage, arrangements will be made so far as Region 1 is concerned for February and March, at the end of which period more detailed directions may be worked out.



[Signature]

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Headquarters
Allied Military Government
(Rear Party)
Fuel Sub-Commission

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27 Dec 43.

SUBJECT: Circulation Permits and Fuel Rationing

TO : Public Safety Sub-Comm. HQ. AMG (Rear).
(Attention Capt. Ballance)

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Attached for your information please, are
copies of instructions promulgated by Region I
in connection with the proposed tie-up between
Circulation Permits and Fuel Rationing.

A. S. Brereton

A. S. BRERETON,
Major, R. Signals,
Fuel Sub-Commission.

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