

ACT No. 20 of 1961**THE CIVIL AVIATION (REGULATION OF ROCKET FIRING) ACT, 1961**

Assented to by the East Africa High Commission in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this 30th day of November, 1961.

P. M. RENISON,

Chairman of the East Africa High Commission.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF ROCKET FIRING FOR THE SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT

Date of Commencement: By Notice

ENACTED by the East Africa High Commission with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly thereof as follows:—

Short title
and application

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Civil Aviation (Regulation of Rocket Firing) Act, 1961, and shall come into operation on such date as the High Commission may by notice in the Gazette appoint.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that this Act shall not bind Her Majesty's Army, Naval or Air Forces.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—
“aerodrome traffic zone” in relation to any Government or licensed aerodrome, means the airspace extending from aerodrome level to a height of 2,000 feet over the area comprising the aerodrome and the surrounding land or water within a distance of 3,000 yards of its boundaries;

“Director” means the Director of Civil Aviation; and

“rocket” means any projectile for projection through the air by the combustion of its own contents and having a total weight before firing of more than 5 lb.

Regulation of
Rocket Firing.

3. (1) No person shall fire a rocket within an aerodrome traffic zone.

(2) No person shall fire a rocket otherwise than in an aerodrome traffic zone except in accordance with and subject to the conditions of any authority issued by the Director under this Act.

(3) Any person who fires a rocket without lawful authority or contrary to a condition of any authority shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding four thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

4. Any person wishing to apply to the Director for an authority to fire a rocket shall make application in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed. Application for authority to fire rockets.

5. Upon receipt of any application made under section 4, the Director may, in his discretion, grant authority to fire a rocket and may attach to the authority such conditions as he shall think fit. Grant of authorities by Director.

6. The Director may, in his discretion and upon such terms as he shall think fit, cancel or suspend any authority issued under section 5, and such cancellation or suspension shall have effect immediately the holder of the authority is notified thereof or at such later time as the Director may stipulate. Cancellation of suspension of authorities.

7. The Director may, subject to such limitation as he may think fit, authorize any officer of the Directorate of Civil Aviation to exercise any of the powers conferred by this Act upon the Director. Delegation of powers of Director.

8. (1) The High Commission may make Regulations generally for giving effect to the provisions of this Act and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may make Regulations with respect to the procedure to be followed in regard to applications for authority to fire a rocket. Regulations.

(2) Regulations made under this section shall be laid before the Assembly at the next meeting after the publication of such Regulations; and if the Assembly within a period of seven days after such Regulations are so laid, resolves that such Regulations shall be annulled, such Regulations shall cease to have effect as from the date of such resolution but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder or to the making of new Regulations.