

**No. 181. The Irrigation Laws, 1931 and 1934.**

In pursuance of the provisions of section 18 of the Irrigation Law, 1931, the following Rules made by the Committee of the Irrigation Division of Gypsos ("Ercoula," "Stalou," "Angoula" and "Varkes"), in the District of Famagusta, are published in the *Gazette*.

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IRRIGATION DIVISION OF GYPSOS ("ERCOULA," "STALOU," "ANGOULA"  
AND "VARKES").

*Rules.*

1. These Rules may be cited as the Irrigation Division of Gypsos ("Ercoula," "Stalou," "Angoula" and "Varkes") Rules, 1937.

2. In these Rules unless the context otherwise requires:—

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the District of Famagusta.

"Committee" means the Committee of the Irrigation Division.

"Irrigation Division" means the Irrigation Division of Gypsos ("Ercoula," "Stalou," "Angoula" and "Varkes").

"Law" means the Irrigation Laws, 1931 and 1934.

"List" means the list of the names and residence of the proprietors prepared under the provisions of section 14 (b) of the Law.

"Works" means the Irrigation works of the Irrigation Division.

3. The Committee shall hold office for a period of three years beginning on the 1st August, 1937. Thereafter the election of the Committee shall take place every third year in the month of July and it shall hold office for a period of three years from the 1st August next following its election.

4.—(a) The Committee shall appoint a treasurer who shall, during the months of August and September in every year, collect the rates and charges assessed upon the proprietors mentioned in the list.

(b) The treasurer shall, on the 1st October, in every year, prepare a statement of all rates or charges still due and unpaid on that date and shall forward such statement to the Commissioner.

(c) The Treasurer shall receive as remuneration 5% of all rates and charges collected by him as in (a) hereof provided.

(d) The Treasurer shall be appointed for such period as the Committee may fix, provided that such period shall in no case extend beyond the term of office of the Committee appointing such treasurer.

5. Every proprietor mentioned in the list shall pay a rate not exceeding *ls. 3p.* per annum as may be prescribed by the Committee from time to time for every Government donum of land owned by such proprietor which is benefited or is capable of being benefited by the works.

6. All rates assessed under the provisions of the Law and of these Rules shall be paid on or before the 30th September in every year.

7. The Committee shall from time to time authorize the treasurer to pay out of the money in his hands any sum required:—

(a) for the works or for the maintenance or repairs thereof;

(b) for any costs incurred by the Committee in the preparation of the plans, estimates and list under the provisions of the Law;

(c) for any costs incurred by the Committee in instituting or defending any proceedings brought by or against the treasurer as representing the proprietors of the Irrigation Division; and

(d) for any compensation payable under sections 33 and 35 of the Law, whenever there are funds at the disposal of the treasurer or of the Committee sufficient to meet any amount payable as compensation under the provisions of these sections ;

(e) for any audit fee ; and

(f) for any costs or expenses incurred in connection with works or proceedings which, in the opinion of the Committee, are beneficial to the Irrigation Division notwithstanding that the same may have been incurred before the formation of such Irrigation Division.

8. The Committee may from time to time appoint such person or persons as may be required for the purpose of the carrying out of any work under the provisions of the Law or of these Rules, and fix the remuneration of such person or persons.

9. During the months of August and September in every year, the Committee shall cause the works to be properly cleaned and repaired.

10. No person shall enlarge or lessen the width of any branch or channel or open a new channel or interfere in any way with the works without leave in writing signed by the Committee, and no leave shall be given under this rule until ten days after a notice has been posted in the village of Gypsos, so that any complaints against the application may be inquired into by the Committee and the Commissioner.

11. Any person receiving such written permission as aforesaid shall, immediately after his lands have been irrigated, remove any obstruction which he has been permitted to place in the said works and shall repair any branch channel whose width he has been permitted to alter and shall close any new channel he has been permitted to open, and if such person fails or refuses to do so, it shall be lawful for the Committee to carry out such repairs or alterations as may be necessary at the expense of the offender.

12. No person shall be allowed to cut the water either with a view of obtaining more water for his own fields or for any other purpose.

13. The cleaning and clearing of branch channels shall be carried out by the proprietors through whose lands any such branch channel flows. In the event of two or more proprietors being interested in any such branch channel and of any dispute arising, the Committee shall carry out the cleaning and clearing of the branch channels and the cost thereof shall be paid by such proprietors in addition to any amount that may be assessed on them under Rule 5 hereof.

14. No proprietor shall be allowed to irrigate his or her lands a second time after they have been sown and irrigated, until all other proprietors shall have first irrigated their lands once. The proprietors, however, of lands in which cotton is to be planted, shall be entitled, after cultivation, to irrigate these lands a second time, notwithstanding that all the other proprietors have not yet irrigated their lands once.

15. Every person upon whom a notice for that purpose has been served by the Commissioner or the Committee shall at once clean such part of the channel as runs through his fields of any stones or rubbish, which might divert the water or stop its proper course, and shall remove all stones and other things intended to direct the water on to his fields at the proper time.

16.—(a) Upon an application to the Commissioner signed by not less than three-fourths of the proprietors mentioned in the list requesting that

the Irrigation Division be dissolved, the Commissioner shall call a meeting of the proprietors for the purpose of determining whether the Irrigation Division shall be dissolved.

(b) Every meeting so convened shall be held in the presence of the Commissioner at the time and place appointed and if at such meeting a majority of three-fourths of the proprietors or the authorized proxies thereof who are present decide that the Irrigation Division shall be dissolved, the Irrigation Division shall be so dissolved accordingly :

Provided that all rates due and unpaid on the date of dissolution shall be levied and paid as if the Irrigation Division had not been dissolved.

(c) The provisions of sections 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Law with respect to public meetings shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to a meeting convened under the provisions of this Rule.

(d) Any money in the hands of the Committee or the treasurer at the time of the dissolution of the Irrigation Division and any money recovered at any time thereafter on account of the rates due and unpaid at the time of the dissolution, shall be paid to the Commissioner and shall be passed in the books of the Commissioner to the credit of the village of Gypsos and shall be disposed of for purposes of public utility in the said village.