

## ARTICLE II

To this end regulations shall be issued by each Zone Commander giving consideration to local conditions, which shall be published in official form.

## ARTICLE III

Persons violating this law or any regulation pursuant thereto shall be liable to criminal prosecution, and shall be tried in German courts or in Military Government courts as follows:

- (a) for excess consumption of less than 10% of the monthly ration, for the first offence in the case of electricity:  
A fine of 100 marks;  
and in the case of gas:  
A fine of 40 marks per cbm of the excess gas consumed.
- (b) For excess consumption of more than 10% of the monthly ration or for a second offence, committed within twelve months after any previous offence, in addition to the penalties stated in paragraph (a) of Article III above:  
Disconnection of service for a period not exceeding thirty days, and if excess consumption continues for two successive months, imprisonment for not more than three months. \*
- (c) Any consumer who uses electricity or gas for a purpose prohibited by regulations, or who intentionally interferes with the normal operation of his meter or who obtains or attempts fraudulently to obtain electricity or gas, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year of prison and by a fine of from 100 to 500 marks or by one of these two penalties alone. The suspension of electricity and gas service may, furthermore, be ordered by the court for a period of not more than three months. \*
- (d) In the case of an inspector, meter reader or other employee of the utility who connives at, assists in any way or facilitates violation of the regulations, a fine not exceeding 500 marks for each offense or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

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