

ADOPTION OF SUPPRESSION DEVICES BY PLANT OWNERS

1. **General.** No suggestion should be made to the owner of the interfering plant, in the early stages of the investigation, as to the possibility of the complainants paying for the installation of suppression apparatus.
2. On the satisfactory conclusion of the tests, the owner of the interfering plant should be invited to purchase the suppression apparatus. *Under no circumstances should Investigation Officers refer to the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 as a means of persuading plant owners to fit suppression equipment.*
3. **Written request to plant owners to install suppression devices.** If the Investigation Officer's request is ineffective, or if written confirmation is necessary (e.g. in cases in which only the local manager of a firm is seen), a letter should be sent to the plant owner by the T.M. on the lines of the draft letter given on form A 2567.
4. If no reply is received within 14 days, a reminder should be sent.
5. If a refusal is received, or there is still no reply, one of the following courses should be adopted:-
 - (a) The refusal may be taken as final
 - (b) A further letter should be sent if it is considered likely to be effective. A further refusal may be taken as final
 - **(c)* If it is considered that a letter from the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications is likely to effect a more satisfactory response, a full report should be submitted to the Ministry (TRRD/TU).
6. **Large corporations or multiple-branch firms.** Exception to the above procedure should be made in cases in which large corporations, firms having numerous branches, etc. are concerned. Such cases should be submitted to the Ministry (TRRD/TU) in the event of an adverse reply to the first letter.
7. **Plant owner refuses to bear the cost of suppression.** If the plant owner's refusal to purchase the suppression apparatus has to be taken as final, the complainants should be asked if they will pay or contribute, in the event of the owner being willing to permit the fitting of the apparatus.
8. The Post Office cannot undertake to canvas for funds for the purchase of the suppression apparatus; if numerous receivers are affected, the position should be explained to the main complainant so that he may, if desired, approach other complainants.
9. *If the complainants agree to bear the cost of suppression, the investigation officer should co-operate as necessary with the plant owner and complainants to obtain a satisfactory settlement. In the event of protracted negotiations between complainants and owner as to the incidence of cost, the suppression apparatus should be removed and the case closed when both parties have been fully informed as to the suppression apparatus required.*

10. *If, however, the complainants are unwilling to contribute towards the cost of the apparatus, suppression at the complainant's premises should be resorted to when practicable; otherwise it should be explained that no further action can be taken by the Post Office, and the case should be closed.*

Reference:- None
(NP8.1)

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