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CITIZENSHIP PROOF REQUIRED OF ALL RADIO OPERATORS

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Proof of the citizenship of about 100,000 radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission is required under a Commission order announced today.

This new requirement applies to amateur as well as commercial operators, and calls upon them to file such proof in the form of affidavits, fingerprints, and photographs before August 15 next.

The Commission, which licenses citizens only for all classes of radio authorizations, has heretofore depended upon the applicant's own statement as to that fact. It will henceforth require evidence of citizenship on standard forms which the Commission is now sending out as a questionnaire.

The questionnaire, which present operators and future applicants must subscribe to under oath, demands proof of citizenship by birth or naturalization, and also elicits information as to the nationality of immediate relatives, time spent by operator or applicant outside of the United States, and service with this or foreign governments.

No exception to the filing of such evidence is prescribed. However, once the holder of a license has furnished satisfactory identification he will not have to file duplicate papers with subsequent license renewals unless his status as to citizenship undergoes change.