be deemed to be a ship registered in the State of Israel.

5. (a) Where a ship registered in the State of Israel flies a national emblem other than the flag described in section 3, the owner of the ship—if he is on board the ship—the master of the ship and any other person who has hoisted such emblem, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable, in respect of each such offence, to imprisonment for a term of two years or to a fine of two hundred pounds or to both such penalties.

(b) Any commissioned officer in the service of the army or the navy of the State of Israel and any officer of police of or above the rank of inspector, and any official authorised in this behalf by the Minister of Communications, may board any ship flying an emblem in contravention of this Ordinance, may seize such emblem and confiscate it on behalf of the State.

6. The Minister of Communications is charged with the implementation of this Ordinance.

10th Iyar, 5708 (19th May, 1948)

DAVID BEN-GURION
Prime Minister

FELIX ROSENBLUETH
Minister of Justice

DAVID REMEZ
Minister of Communications

DEFENCE ARMY OF ISRAEL ORDINANCE
No. 4 of 5708—1948*

An Ordinance establishing a Defence Army of the State of Israel.

By virtue of section 18 of the Law and Administration Ordinance, 5708—1948, the following Ordinance is hereby enacted:—

1. There is hereby established a Defence Army of Israel, consisting of land forces, a navy and an air force.

2. In a state of emergency, there shall be introduced compulsory enlistment for all the services of the Defence Army of Israel.

* Published in the Official Gazette, No. 3 of the 22nd Iyar, 5708 (31st May, 1948).
The age of those liable to enlistment shall be as shall be prescribed by the Provisional Government.

3. Every person serving in the Defence Army of Israel shall take an oath of allegiance to the State of Israel, its Constitution and its competent authorities.

4. It is forbidden to establish or maintain any armed force outside the Defence Army of Israel.

5. Orders, declarations, regulations and any other directions concerning matters of the national service which were published by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the General Council (Vaad Leumi) of the Jewish Community in Palestine, the People's Administration, the Provisional Government or any of their departments between the 16th Kislev, 5708 (29th November, 1947) and the date of publication of this Ordinance, shall remain in force so long as they have not been varied, amended or revoked.

6. Any act done in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be legal, even if it is repugnant to any other provision in the existing law.

7. The Minister of Defence is charged with the implementation of this Ordinance.

8. This Ordinance may be cited as the Defence Army of Israel Ordinance, 5708—1948.

17th Iyar, 5708 (26th May, 1948)

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