

No. 213.

Rules and Regulations made by the Governor in Council on the 15th day of March, 1906, under the provisions of Section 6 of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873 (Ordinance No. 1 of 1873).

DANGEROUS GOODS IN GENERAL.

1. Every Vessel arriving at any Port in this Colony having on board any Dangerous Goods within the meaning of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873, or to which the said Ordinance applies, and every Vessel about to take on board any such goods for exportation, shall hoist a RED FLAG at her Fore-truck and shall keep it flying so long as any of such Goods are on board.

2. Every Ship, Vessel, Lighter or Boat of any description whatever, having on board any Dangerous Goods as aforesaid, shall whilst in the waters of the Colony, hoist a RED FLAG at the Fore-truck or, where there is only one mast, at that Mast-head, or where there is no mast, on a pole at her bow.

3. Every Ship, Vessel, Lighter or Boat as aforesaid having on board or being about to take on board any Dangerous Goods as aforesaid, shall anchor at one of the Dangerous Goods Anchorages, or at such place in the Harbour as shall be pointed out by the Harbour Master, or his Deputy, and the said Vessel shall not be removed therefrom without the permission of the Harbour Master.

4. The transhipment of any Dangerous Goods as aforesaid shall not take place between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from October to March both inclusive, nor between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. from April to September both inclusive, without the written permission of the Harbour Master.

5. Dangerous Goods as aforesaid shall not be landed from the importing Ship or Vessel elsewhere than at a Government Gunpowder Depôt excepting such as may be consigned to the holder of a licence issued under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873, covering the class and quantity of goods so consigned, and in the case of goods so consigned they shall be conveyed from the importing Ship or Vessel by the shortest route and delivered to the consignee and stored in his licensed premises without delay.

6. During the time any Dangerous Goods as aforesaid are waterborne in the waters of the Colony on board of any Ship, Vessel, Lighter or Boat they shall be protected either by being stowed under hatches, or by being covered with serviceable tarpaulins, and no fires or naked lights shall be made, or used, and no smoking shall be allowed, on board any such Ship, Vessel, Lighter or Boat unless the said Dangerous Goods are stowed under hatches.

7. No Lighter, Cargoboot or other Vessel having Dangerous Goods on board shall lie at or alongside any sea-wall, pier, wharf, jetty or landing place, for the purpose of landing or shipping any Dangerous Goods or of otherwise dealing with or of disposing of such goods, for more than fifteen minutes, and, thereupon, such Lighter, Cargoboot or Vessel shall, unless the Dangerous Goods have been wholly discharged, proceed forthwith to one of the Dangerous Goods Anchorages, but this rule shall not apply to Vessels carrying petroleum and lying at one of the wharves at which the discharge of petroleum is permitted, or to Vessels discharging explosives at a Government Gunpowder Depôt in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.

8. The Dangerous Goods on board every such Lighter, Cargoboot or other Vessel arriving at any sea-wall, pier, wharf, jetty or landing place shall be immediately discharged by the owner or consignee and forthwith removed by him to some premises duly licensed for the storage of such goods; and if such owner or consignee shall fail in so doing, it shall be lawful for any police officer (not below

the rank of a Sergeant) to take possession of the Dangerous Goods and store them at the expense of the owner or consignee thereof ; but this rule shall not apply to Vessels carrying petroleum and lying at one of the wharves at which the discharge of petroleum is permitted, or to Vessels discharging explosives at a Government Gunpowder Depôt in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.

9. The "Dangerous Goods Anchorages" shall (unless and until the Governor shall by notification in the Government Gazette appoint some other anchorage in addition to or in lieu of such anchorages) mean the portions of the Harbour within the following limit:—

(1.)—EASTERN ANCHORAGE.

Eastward of a North and South line, drawn through Kellett's Island.

South of a line drawn from the chequered buoy marking the West edge of the men-of-war Anchorage to North Point of Hongkong.

Bounded on the East by the Western edge of the Telegraph Cable Ground.

(2.)—WESTERN ANCHORAGE.

South of Stonecutters' Island.

West of a line from which the White Rock on Stonecutters' Island bears North.

North of a line having the sheers at the Naval Yard at Kowloon bearing East.

Bounded on the West by a line drawn from the West extreme of Green Island to the West extreme of Stonecutters' Island.

Rules made under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, not invalidated.

10. Nothing in these Rules shall be deemed to invalidate any Rules or Regulations made under Section 36 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, with reference to Gunpowder and Explosives.

Repeal of earlier Rules.

11. The Rules and Regulations made by the Governor in Council under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873, on the 14th day of June, 1892, and all amendments thereof, are hereby repealed.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
15th March, 1906.