

Section XI.

MERCHANT VESSELS TO FLY THEIR COLOURS, &c.

(36) All merchant vessels which are within the limits of the Firth of Forth must—

- (a) Keep their colours flying day and night.
- (b) Keep their commercial code number flying from sunrise to sunset.
- (c) Show the regulation navigation lights by night unless ordered to the contrary. (See Section II., clause 9.)

Section XII.

ORDINARY NAVIGATION RULES TO BE ADHERED TO.

(37) The ordinary rules for the navigation and safe conduct of ships are to be adhered to in the Firth of Forth, except as far as they are affected by these Regulations.

Nothing in these Regulations will exonerate the owner, master, or agent of any ship from any neglect of the ordinary rules for the navigation and safe conduct of ships.

APPENDIX A.

WARNINGS TO MASTERS OF VESSELS IN THE FIRTH OF FORTH.

1. You are to strictly obey all orders given you by the officer who boards you, or by the King's Harbour Master or his representative.

2. When in the Examination Anchorage, or lying off any port in the Firth of Forth below the Forth Bridge, waiting to dock, or for "Official Day" after undocking during the night, or when at anchor in consequence of fog, &c., you are forbidden, except in emergency which you will be called upon to prove, to lower any boats or to communicate with the shore, or to work the cables, or to move the ship, or to allow anyone to leave the ship without permission "of the Deputy Examining Officer, if anchored off Leith, or the Port Authority of Ports other than Leith in the Firth of Forth." You are also to keep your National Colours and the Signal Letters of your ship's name flying day and night.

3. Before leaving any port or anchorage in the Firth of Forth you must obtain permission from the proper authorities (see Section V., clause 25).

4. The use of wireless telegraphy is prohibited. You are to forthwith lower all aerial wires, and disconnect them from their halliards and from the operating room. They are not to be rehoisted whilst your ship is in British territorial waters, except by special permission from the Admiralty as laid down in Section V., "Instructions for Owners and Masters of British Merchant Ships, &c."

5. To communicate with the Port Authorities, hoist flags J.G.C. by day, or lights Red, White, Red, vertically by night.

Note.

This Notice is a re-publication of the former Notices quoted above.

CAUTION.

This Admiralty Notice to Mariners is issued under the provisions of the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, and

failure to comply strictly with the directions contained in it will constitute an offence against those Regulations.

Any person found guilty of such an offence is liable to severe penalties both of imprisonment and fine.

Any person aiding or abetting the commission of such an offence is himself guilty of an offence against the Regulations.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that any infringement of the directions contained in this Admiralty Notice to Mariners is liable to result in the detention of the ship or vessel.

(Notice No. 582 of 1917.)

Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. (H. 2269/17.)

By Command of their Lordships,

J. F. PARRY,  
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Department, Admiralty,  
London, 9th June 1917.

Ministry of Food.

11th June 1917.

THE MEAT (SALES) ORDER, 31ST MAY 1917.

Statutory Rule and Order, 1917, No. 520,  
price 1d. net, post free 1½d.

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Order has been made by the Food Controller, and that copies of the Order and of all other Orders made by the Food Controller, printed as Statutory Rules and Orders, and receivable in evidence under the Documentary Evidence Acts, can be purchased at the prices stated, through any bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. (2); 37 Peter Street, Manchester; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23 Forth Street, Edinburgh; or E. Ponsonby Ltd., 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,  
1894 to 1914.

RETURN of OUTBREAKS of SWINE FEVER in SCOTLAND for the Week ended 9th June 1917, distinguishing Counties (including Burghs):—

COUNTY.	Outbreaks Confirmed.	Swine Slaughtered as Diseased or as having been Exposed to Infection.
	No.	No.
Dumfries ... ..	1	—
TOTAL ... ..	1	—