9. Incoming and outgoing traffic will be regulated by signals hoisted at the yardarm of the Boom trawler and repeated at the Hellier holm lighthouse.

10. Traffic signals are to be strictly obeyed, and no vessel shall approach the entrance against the signal.

11. The following Traffic signals will be displayed at the Boom and at Hellier holm :—

Gate " Open for Incoming Traffic " :
    By day—two balls, vertical.
    By night—a red light.
Gate " Open for Outgoing Traffic " :
    By day—a cone, point upward.
    By night—a green light.
Gate Closed : By day — Three balls at Hellier holm.
    By night—Three red lights at Hellier holm.

12. Vessels entering will, as a rule, be given priority over those leaving.

13. All outgoing vessels shall pass round the Turning buoy (red and white striped, spherical) moored approximately 285° (N. 56° W. Mag.), one mile from the entrance.

14. Incoming vessels will not pass round the Turning buoy, but will shape course as requisite for the anchorage on entering.

15. No outgoing vessel shall pass the Turning buoy, unless the signal for outgoing traffic is up. If the signal is against it, such vessel shall stop and wait in the neighbourhood of the Turning buoy.

16. No incoming vessel shall pass Hellier holm, unless the signal for incoming traffic is up at Hellier holm. If the signal is against it, such vessel shall wait in Shapinsay sound.

17. Incoming and outgoing vessels shall not pass through the gate simultaneously. If, through any misunderstanding, an outgoing and an incoming ship are approaching the gate simultaneously, then the outgoing ship shall give way, and shall turn round, and return to the Turning buoy and there wait till such time as the entrance is clear.

18. As a rule only one ship will be conducted out at a time, but under exceptional circumstances, in the event of two ships being conducted out, then the Pilot will give instructions as to which ship is to go first and the rear ship shall then keep a full half mile directly astern, and is on no account to close or overhaul or attempt to pass the ship ahead.

19. Caution.—Caution is necessary when approaching the boom, as the tidal stream does not set fairly through the opening and attains considerable velocity especially on the ebb or westgoing stream, which sets in a north-westerly direction.

Variation.—19° W.

(3) Shetland Isles—Traffic of Neutral Vessels Prohibited.

No vessels other than those of British Nationality or those of the Allied Nations, except vessels calling for the purpose of Examination, shall enter any ports or harbours in, or anchor off any part of, the coasts of the Shetland Isles until further notice.

Note.

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

Caution.

This Admiralty Notice to Mariners is issued under the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, 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. 1248 of 1917.)

Authority.—The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.· (H. 7010/17.)

By Command of their Lordships,

J. F. Parry,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Department, Admiralty,
London, 1st December 1917.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS,
1894 to 1914.

RETURN of OUTBREAKS of the undermentioned DISEASES in SCOTLAND for the Week ended 1st December 1917, distinguishing Counties (including Burghs) :—

ANTHRAX.

County.	Outbreaks Confirmed.	Animals Attacked.			
		Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.	Horses.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Berwick	1	1	—	—	—
Lanark	1	1	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	—	—

SHEEP SCAB.

County.	Outbreaks Reported.
	No.
Ayr	1
Inverness	1
Perth	2
Ross and Cromarty	1
Total	5