

Niger Territory subject to the regulations contained in the Schedule, which shall come into operation at the commencement of this Order. Any such regulations may be altered, amended or revoked by a Secretary of State.

4. A Secretary of State may at any time make any other or additional regulations for carrying this Order into effect, and may from time to time alter, amend or revoke all or any of such regulations as occasion may require. All such rules and such alterations, amendments, and revocations thereof shall have the same force and effect for all purposes as if the same had been made by Order in Council, and shall come into operation in such manner and on such date as shall be provided by such regulations.

5. Every person who acts in contravention of this Order or of any regulations made thereunder shall upon conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months.

6. Any Court of competent jurisdiction of either of the Protectorates of Northern or Southern Nigeria which is empowered under the law of Northern or Southern Nigeria (as the case may be) to impose for any offence the punishment of imprisonment for six months may order any person who is within the local limits of its jurisdiction and is charged with an offence committed in any part of the British Niger Territory against this Order or of any Regulation made in pursuance of the provisions thereof, to be brought before that Court and enquire of, hear and determine such charge as if such offence had been committed within the local limits of the jurisdiction of such Court.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Order and of any Regulations made under this Order, goods and vessels in transit shall in all respects be subject to the law in force in that portion of the British Niger Territory in which the said vessel or goods may happen from time to time to be, including any Sanitary Regulations respecting human, animal, or plant life.

8. The respective High Commissioners of the Protectorates of Northern Nigeria and Southern Nigeria shall cause this Order and the Regulations in the Schedule to be published in the respective Gazettes of the said Protectorates on the same day, and this Order and the Regulations contained in the Schedule to this Order shall come into operation on that date.

9. His Majesty may from time to time revoke alter or amend this Order.

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SCHEDULE. REGULATIONS.

1. Any vessel passing in transit between the sea and places beyond the British Niger Territory shall enter and clear in transit at the first of the Customs stations hereinafter named to which she comes after entering the British Niger Territory. The clearance papers shall state the nationality of the vessel together with her name, port of registry, tonnage, port of origin and of destination, the place at which it is intended that the vessel shall leave the British Niger Territory, and whether the vessel is in ballast or cargo, and the name of the master. The papers proving the nationality and status of the vessel shall on the demand of the Customs authority be produced for inspection.

2. If the conditions laid down in the preceding Regulation have been complied with, the Customs authority shall deliver to the Master a transit certificate on which shall be indicated the name of the station at which it is to be given up, provided always that if there are goods upon such

vessel the Customs authority shall first cause seals to be placed on them or on the hatches or holds of the vessel or otherwise so as not to delay her.

3. The transit certificate shall be shown to the Customs authority on demand, provided that this formality shall not involve any obligation in regard to landing station or depôt or breaking bulk or in regard to entry into any particular port.

4. The certificate shall free the vessel from all further formalities, so long as no goods are landed or shipped in the British Niger territory, and so long as no breach of the law of any portion of the British Niger territory is committed.

5. A vessel declared as in transit as hereinafore shall not land or ship goods in the British Niger territory except under the conditions prescribed in Regulation 15.

6. Vessels in transit shall fly special flags, namely, the flags representing the letters Y.A.C. in the International Code of Signals, and shall at night display special lights, namely, two red lights, one above the other, three feet apart, and not less than three feet above the ordinary mast head light.

7. A vessel in transit may touch at ports of entry and other provisioning stations in the British Niger Territory to take in fuel, provisions and other necessaries; the taking on board of such necessaries shall not be held to be a shipping of goods, and the said necessaries shall not be held to be goods within the meaning of these Regulations.

8. The transit certificate shall be given up to the officer authorized to receive such certificates at the Customs station mentioned thereon.

9. Goods passing in transit between the sea and places beyond the British Niger Territory shall be declared as in transit at the first of the Customs stations hereinafter named to which they are brought after entering the British Niger Territory; a manifest or schedule shall there be delivered in duplicate to the Customs authority stating the nationality, the value at place of entry, and the nature, origin, and destination of the goods, the place at which it is intended that they shall leave the British Niger Territory, and their weight or quantity if in bulk, or if not in bulk, the weight, number and distinctive numbers and marks of the parcels, together with the name and address of the person within the British Niger Territory who is in charge of the goods and is a responsible agent for them.

10. One of the manifests or schedules shall be retained by the Customs authority and the other, visé by that authority, shall be returned to the agent in charge of the goods.

The manifest or schedule shall constitute the transit certificate for the goods, and shall be shown to any official of the British Niger Territory on demand, provided that this formality shall not involve any obligation in regard to landing station or depôt, or breaking bulk, or in regard to entry into any particular port.

11. The Customs authority shall indicate on the manifest or schedule the name of the station at which it is to be given up, and the manifest or schedule shall be delivered accordingly to the officer authorized to receive the same at that station.

12. If any change is made in the weight, amount, shape, size, number or marks of the goods entered on any certificate, a fresh transit certificate or certificates shall be obtained from an officer of the British Niger territory authorized to issue such certificates in the same manner as on the entry of the goods into the