

And whereas in pursuance of the said Act certain Regulations and Rules were made by Orders in Council dated the 14th day of February, 1921, and the 12th day of March, 1923, with reference to the Dockyard Port of Rosyth:

And whereas it appears expedient to amend such Rules as hereinafter provided:

And whereas the provisions of Section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Him vested, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order shall take effect from one calendar month from the date hereof.

2. The Second Schedule to the said Order in Council dated the 14th day of February, 1921, as amended by the said Order in Council dated the 12th day of March, 1923, is hereby repealed.

3. The following Rules shall have effect in relation to the Dockyard Port of Rosyth, and shall be read and construed as the Second Schedule of the said Order in Council of the 14th day of February, 1921:—

SECOND SCHEDULE.

RULES.

Vessels to keep clear of H.M. Vessels or other vessels in charge of H.M. officers.

1. When one of H.M. Vessels or other vessel in charge of H.M. Officers intending to pass into, through or out of the Dockyard Port of Rosyth or under way within the limits of the Dockyard Port hoists the Red Ensign over M Flag (International Code—Alphabetical) by day, or a red light by night at the foremast head, all other vessels under way within the Dockyard Port shall keep out of the way of the said vessel, provided always that she shall be navigated with due care and at a moderate speed. When any vessel is showing either of the aforementioned signals, all other of H.M. Ships present in the port shall as a general warning hoist the Pilot Jack by day, or by night show position lights (two white lights vertical, 8 feet apart, hoisted at the peak, or if no gaff, hoisted abreast the maintop in the middle line of the ship or on the Ensign Staff). The same signals shall also be exhibited at the signal stations at Inchkeith and at H.M. Dockyard at Rosyth for the same purpose.

Passage through the Forth Bridge.

2. No vessel may pass another vessel under the Forth Bridge. Outgoing steamers shall have priority of passage through the Bridge over incoming steamers, and incoming steamers shall not approach the Bridge within a distance of half a mile until it shall have been ascertained that no vessel is coming out. Provided that this rule shall not apply when an incoming vessel is showing either of the signals laid down in Rule 1, when it is the duty of all other vessels to keep out of her way and to wait until she has passed through the Bridge before approaching the Bridge. If an outgoing vessel and an incoming vessel are both showing the same signal, the outgoing vessel shall have priority of passage.

Lights and Signals for Dredgers.

3. A dredger when at work or in position for working shall carry the following Lights and Signals, viz.:—

Lights between Sunset and Sunrise:—

(a) *Forward*.—In the forward part of the dredger at a height of not less than 20 and not exceeding 40 feet above the hull a white light in a lantern so constructed as to show a clear, uniform and unbroken light visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least one mile.

(b) *Amidships*.—Three such white lights placed in a triangular form at least 8 feet apart, at right angles to the keel and with the apex uppermost, the base of the triangle to be at least 10 feet higher than the forward light and to be also higher than and clear of the framework, funnels or other erections upon the dredger. If so moored or working as to make it necessary to prohibit the passage of vessels on one or both sides, a red light or lights in a lantern so constructed as to show a clear, uniform and unbroken light visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least one mile, is, or are, to be substituted for the lower light or lights of the triangle on the side or sides on which the passage is prohibited.

(c) *Aft*.—One such white light at or near the stern of the dredger and at such a height that it shall not be less than 15 feet lower than the forward light.

Signals between Sunrise and Sunset:—

Amidships.—Three black balls of not less than two feet in diameter placed in a triangular form at least 8 feet apart, at right angles to the keel with the apex uppermost, the base of the triangle to be higher than and clear of the framework, funnels or any other erection upon the dredger. If so moored or working so as to make it necessary to prohibit passage on one or both sides, a red flag or flags at least 5 feet in the hoist is, or are, to be substituted for the lower ball or balls of the triangle on the side or sides on which passage is prohibited.

Signal in Fog:—

In fog, mist, falling snow or heavy rainstorms a dredger at work or in a position for working, shall at intervals of not more than one minute sound a gong rapidly for about 5 seconds.

Signal directing vessels and boats to keep out of the way.

4. When any seagoing steamer, steamer towing, steam dredger or steam hopper within the limits of the Dockyard Port shall by reason of the crowded nature of the channel or anchorage or from any other cause find it unsafe or impracticable to keep out of the way of other vessels or boats, she shall signify the same by four short blasts of the steam whistle or syren blown in rapid succession, and all vessels and boats shall keep out of the way of the vessel making this signal; provided always that the latter shall be navigated with due care and at a moderate speed.

Penalties.

Note.—The master of every vessel to which these rules relate must observe and cause to