

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

(Rules Under the Pegu and Sittang Canal Act, 1881)

No. 97

The 8th September 1899.

No. 97. - The following rules made by the Lieutenant-Governor under section 21 of the Pegu and Sittang Canal Act, 1881, in supersession of all previous rules under the said Act, are published for general information. They will take effect from the 1st October 1899.

1. Every vessel on entering the canal shall be liable to measurement for the purpose of ascertaining the tolls payable and, in case of any reasonable doubt arising, the Canal officer at any toll station shall have authority to measure a vessel notwithstanding that it was measured on entering the canal.
2. The tonnage of every vessel, whether laden or empty, shall for the purposes of these rules be determined in the manner shown in the table of measurements hereto attached.
3. The following tolls shall be levied from vessels entering and navigating the canal:-
 - (a) From steam-launches navigating but not entering, nor passing out of, the canal,- Rs 2 each trip.
 - (b) From steam-launches entering or navigating and passing out of the canal,- Rs.5 each time.
 - (c) From laden boats entering or navigating and passing out of the canal,- Re.1 per 100 basket capacity each time.
 - (d) From empty boats entering or navigating, and passing out of the canal,- annas 8 per 100 basket capacity each time.
 - (e) From boats of the capacity of 100 baskets or less navigating, but not entering nor passing out of the canal,- Rs. 1-8-0 per month.
 - (f) From boats exceeding 100 baskets capacity navigating but not entering nor passing out of the canal,- Rs. 1-8-0 for the first 100 baskets and 4 annas for every 25 baskets and 4 annas for the remainder, subject to a maximum of Rs. 8 per month.
 - (g) From rafts and logs of timber, reserved under the Forest Act or by Notification, entering or passing out of the canal,- 8 annas per log.

From rafts and logs of timber of unreserved trees other than those mentioned in the next clause, entering or passing out of the canal,- 4 annas per log.

(h) From rafts of bamboo, firewood, and thatch entering or passing out of the canal, - 8 annas per 100 square feet of surface.

[NOTE.- Boats conveying thatch will be measured as thatch rafts.]

(i) From rafts of canoes or hulls of boats entering or passing out of the canal,- 8 annas per canoe hull.

Tolls under head (a) may be commuted by a payment in advance of Rs. 50 per mensem.

Tolls under head (e) may be commuted by a payment in advance of Rs. 6 for six months.

Tolls under head (f), if paid in advance for periods of not less than six months, will be reduced by 25 per cent.

On every log of timber left or stored in or on the banks of the canal and not passed out of the canal within seven days of its entry therein, there shall be levied a charge of two annas per month or part of a month during which the logs remain in the canal. Logs found abandoned or left unclaimed for a period of two months will be dealt with under section 9 of the Act.

4. The person in charge of every launch, boat or raft shall, upon entering the canal, immediately pay the toll leviable, and shall not proceed until he receives a toll-ticket signed by a toll collector; on such toll ticket shall be entered the capacity of the vessel or raft, and the amount paid.

5. The toll ticket shall be kept on the vessel or raft by the person in charge thereof so long as such vessel or raft is in the canal, and shall be produced for inspection by such person upon the demand of any Canal officer, and shall be delivered up to a Canal officer upon the vessel or raft passing out of the canal.

6. If a toll ticket is lost, a fresh ticket must be obtained upon payment at the rate in Rule 3 applicable to the vessel or raft.

7. No boat engaged by a Government Officer, whether civil or military, shall be exempted from payment of toll on the ground that the officer is travelling on public duty.

Exceptions to this rule are made in the case of certain vessels and officers under the special sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor.

8. Any vessel remaining in the canal more than a month shall pay toll in accordance with Rule 3, clauses (e) and (f).

9. Every vessel when entering the canal, and when anchored or moored therein shall have its mast or masts lowered.

10. No two or more vessels shall be anchored, moored, or navigated alongside of one another in the canal.

11. No vessel with a fixed mast shall enter, navigate or remain in any place in the canal without the permission in writing of the Canal officer.
12. No vessel shall be docked for repairs on the banks of the canal.
13. Wherever mooring posts have been put up by the Canal officer, vessels shall be made fast by the head and stern along the banks to such posts, and shall not be moored in any other manner.
14. No anchor shall be dropped and no bamboo or myo shall be fixed in any part of the canal itself or of the canal land in which such acts may be prohibited by general or special notice issued by the Canal officer.
15. Except when a vessel is actually being loaded or unloaded, no vessel shall be moored on the side of the canal nearest the towing path.
16. No steam vessel navigating the canal shall proceed at a higher rate of speed than that fixed by the Canal officer for such vessels.
17. No person shall place obstructions on the canal banks, roads, drains or bridges so as to impede free passage along or cause injury to them, and no one shall commit a nuisance or deposit filth of any sort on the banks or in the canal.
18. No fire or artificial light of any description shall be used on boats containing petroleum, thetke, or straw whilst entering or passing out of a lock.
19. No cargo shall be loaded or unloaded, and no passenger shall be shipped or landed at any lock or at any masonry work, or within 100 feet of the same.
20. No goods shall be stacked nor sheds or other buildings erected on any part of the tow-path or on the canal side of the tow-path under any circumstances, nor shall they be stacked or erected on canal lands without the special permission of a Canal officer.
21. Vessels transhipping goods at any place in the canal between the locks to avoid paying toll shall be charged toll in accordance with Rule 3.
22. No person shall, unless duly authorized, interfere with the weirs, regulators or locks, or any part of their machinery.
23. No raft shall enter or be navigated in the canal unless manned by at least three men.
24. No raft in the canal shall exceed 100 feet in length or 24 feet in breadth; it shall be deemed a breach of this rule if two or more rafts are connected with one another.
25. No raft shall be moored or remain in the canal within a quarter of a mile from any lock.

26. Vessels shall be brought up to a lock in the order in which they may be arranged by the officer in charge of the lock and according to his directions.
27. No persons shall without the previous permission in writing of the Canal officer pass or cause to pass any animal or vehicle on or across any works, banks, or channel of the canal other than those set apart for the purpose.
28. No person who has paid tolls for the navigation of the canal shall have any claim to compensation in consequence of the closure of the canal for repairs, or because of insufficiency of water, or on account of any other impediment to navigation.
29. No person shall wilfully or negligently allow a vessel to sink in the canal.
30. The Canal officer is authorized to remove any vessel, anchor, pole or other thing which he may find in a position which is in contravention of these rules, and to deal with any such thing in such manner as may be necessary to give effect to the rules.
31. Notices under section 9 of the Act shall be published in the Burma Gazette and by affixing copies thereof to notice boards at the Tawa and Myitkyo locks.
32. The penalty specified in section 18 of the Act shall attach to every breach of Rules 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,21,22,23,24,25,26,27 and 29.

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