

(Rules to Regulate the Navigation of the Pegu-Sittang And Sittang-Kyaikto Canals.)

No.114

Dated Rangoon, the 1st September 1905.

No.114.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 79 of the Burma Canals Act, 1905, the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to make the following rules to regulate the navigation of the Pegu-Sittang and Sittang-Kyaikto Canals. The rules published in this office Notification No. 97, dated the 8th September 1899, as amended by this office Notifications No. 103, dated 18th October 1900, No.37, dated 25th April 1904, and No. 67, dated 18th August 1904, are hereby superseded.

NOTE.- Words and expressions defined in section 3 of the Burma Canal Act, 1905, have in these rules the meaning assigned to them in that section.

1. Every vessel 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 purpose of these rules, be determined in the manner shown in the table of measurements in the schedule hereto annexed.
3. The person in charge of a vessel shall, upon its entering the canal, pay the toll leviable, and such vessel shall not proceed until a toll ticket signed by the toll-collector shall have been issued to the person in charge.
4. The toll ticket shall be kept on the vessel by the person in charge thereof so long as such vessel is in the canal, and shall be produced for inspection upon the demand of any Canal Officer, and shall be delivered up to a Canal Officer upon the vessel passing out of the canal.
5. If a toll ticket is lost, a fresh ticket must be obtained upon payment of the toll leviable in respect of such vessel.
6. Except under the special sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor no boat used by a Government Officer, whether Civil or Military, shall be exempted from payment of toll on the ground that such officer is travelling on public duty.
7. Every vessel when entering the canal, and when anchored or moored therein, shall have its mast or masts lowered.

8. No two or more vessels shall be anchored, moored, or navigated alongside of one another in the canal.
9. 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.
10. No vessel shall be docked for repairs on the banks of the canal.
11. 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.
12. No anchor shall be dropped and no bamboo or myo shall be fixed in any part of the canal within which such acts are or may be prohibited by a general or special notice issued by the Canal Officer.
13. 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.
14. No steam vessel navigating the canal shall proceed at a higher rate of speed than five miles per hour.
15. No steam vessel shall ply for hire on the canal without the permission of the Canal Officer first being obtained, and no steam vessel plying for hire shall leave its starting station except at the time fixed for the departure of such steam vessel by the Canal Officer.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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 the Canal Officer.
20. The transshipment of goods from vessels in the canal to vessels lying outside the Canal at any place between the locks is prohibited except with the prior permission in writing of the Canal Officer and the payment before transshipment of the toll which would be leviable from the vessel if it navigated and passed out of the canal.
21. No person shall interfere with the embankments, weirs, regulators or locks, or any part of their machinery.

22. No raft shall enter or be navigated in the canal unless manned by at least three men.
23. No raft in the canal shall exceed 160 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 and exceed such length or breadth.
24. No raft shall be moored or remain in the canal within a quarter of a mile from any lock.
25. 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.
26. No person 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.
27. No person shall wilfully or negligently allow a vessel to sink in the canal, or so navigate his vessel as to endanger any part of the canal.
28. The Canal Officer is authorised to remove any vessel, anchor, pole, or other things which he may find in a position which is in contravention to these rules, and to act in such a manner as may be necessary to give effect to these rules.
29. Notices under section 57 of the Burma Canal Act shall be published in the Burma Gazette, and copies of such notices shall be affixed to notice boards at the canal locks and other suitable places on the canal.
30. The penalty specified in section 75 of the Burma Canals Act shall attach to every breach of Rules 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

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[ATTACH LIST 1] 01 SCHEDULE. PEGU-SITTANG AND SITTANG-KYAIKTO CANALS. Table of Measurements.