

**MARINE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.**

**(Rules for the protection of passengers in inland steam-vessels.)**

**No. 53**

**Dated Rangoon, the 28th August 1897.**

**[ Amendment : 18.06.1989 ]**

No. 53.- In exercise of the power conferred by section 51A of the Indian Steam-vessels Act, 1884 (VI of 1884), and with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, the Lieutenant-Governor of Myanmar makes the following rules for the protection of passengers in inland steam-vessels. Finance and Commerce Notification No.77, dated the 7th October 1891, is hereby cancelled.

1. A sufficient supply of fresh potable water, being not less than gallon per passenger carried, shall be stored in casks or iron tanks on every inland steam-vessel which plies for hire for passengers.

2. There shall be issued to every passenger on an inland steam-vessel, on payment of his fare, a passenger ticket having the price thereof printed or written in Myanmar figures, or in Myanmar and English figures, on the face thereof.

Provided that on any steam-vessel which has a regular run of not more than two days' duration, it shall not be necessary to issue such tickets, if at a conspicuous spot at each place of call there is exhibited a table of fares in English and Myanmar showing the correct fare from that place to every other place at which the steam-vessel calls, and if a complete table of fares in English and Myanmar is exhibited in a convenient and accessible place on that part of the steam-vessel which is set apart for native passengers.

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3. No boat shall be lowered from, or brought alongside, an inland steam-vessel for the purpose of disembarking any of the passengers thereon so long as such steam-vessel is under way.

4. All gangways for the use of passengers by inland steam-vessels shall have stout side -rails of wood, rope or chain, whether they are laid from the vessel to the bank or to a landing-stage, jetty, pontoon, or flat, or from the landing-stage to the bank.

5. One railed gangway shall always be provided for access from the bank to the deck of an inland steam-vessel at every place of call. And every inland steam vessel shall carry sufficient gangways for this purpose, unless the owner provides sufficient gangways at each place of call.
6. When any gangway is laid from the deck of any inland steam-vessel to any landing- stage, jetty , pontoon, or flat, or to any vessel or boat, or to the bank, such gangway shall, unless it is used only for the landing of goods, be provided with side-rails of stout wood, or rope or chain.
7. Every inland steam-vessel shall carry and, when it is necessary to protect the passengers against sun or rain, shall fix or put up side screens of wood or thick canvas sufficient in number for the purpose aforesaid.
8. Any owner or master of an inland steam vessel committing a breach of Rule 1, 2, 4, 5 or 7, and any master of an inland steam vessel committing a breach of Rule 3 or 6 shall be punished with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

No. 54.-The Lieutenant-Governor accepts the resignation tendered by Mr. F. B. Hebbert of his appointment as a Commissioner for the Port of Rangoon.

No. 55.- In exercise of the power conferred by section 4 of the Rangoon Port Commissioners Act, 1879, the Lieutenant-Governor appoints Mr. W. Innes to be a Commissioner for the Port of Rangoon, vice Mr. F. B. Hebbert, who has resigned.

F. C. GATES,  
Secretary to the Govt. of Myanmar.