

(Rules of Ports in Myanmar.)

No.397

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No.397.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6, sub-section (1) , clause (p), of the Indian Ports Act, 1889 (X of 1889), as amended by the Indian Ports Act, 1901 (III of 1901), and with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, the Lieutenant-Governor of Myanmar is pleased to make the following rules in respect of sleeping sickness occurring on vessels arriving at ports in Myanmar or for the time being in port in Myanmar-

1. In these rules-

- (1) "Health Officer" means any person appointed by the Local Government either by name or by virtue of his office, to be Health Officer of a port, and includes any person appointed by the Local Government, either by name or virtue of his office, to perform any of the duties of a Health Officer of a port;
- (2) "Master," when used with reference to a vessel, means any person (except a pilot or harbour master) having for the time being charge or control of the vessel;
- (3) "Port Officer" includes any person acting under the authority of the Local Government in charge of port discipline;
- (4) "Sleeping sickness" included the stage of the disease known as trypanosomiasis.

2. The master of every vessel arriving at any port in British India from a port beyond India shall-

- (a) if the vessel has on board any person suffering or suspected to be suffering from sleeping sickness; or
- (b) if any case or suspected case of sleeping sickness has occurred, or if any person has died or is suspected to have died from sleeping sickness on board within the twelve days immediately preceding the arrival of the vessel;

report every such case or death to the pilot or other boarding officer at the earliest opportunity, and shall also comply, on arrival at such place as may be appointed in this behalf by the Local Government, with such regulations as may be made by the Local Government in regard to-

- (i) stopping at a particular place;
- (ii) refraining from communication with the shore; and

(iii) taking measures for giving effect to the present rules.

3. If the vessel be at anchor within port limits when such disease first breaks out or such death occurs, the master shall promptly give information to the Port Officer.
4. The pilot or other boarding officer shall promptly report to the Port Officer the circumstances of the case brought to his notice in accordance with Rule 2, and the Port Officer shall immediately forward any report so made to the Health Officer.
5. Whenever the Health Officer receives the notice referred to in Rule 4, he shall without unnecessary delay proceed on board and examine the vessel, and the master shall give him every facility for the examination of the passengers and crew. The inspection by the Health Officer will ordinarily take place between sunrise and sunset.
6. On the completion of the inspection prescribed by Rule 5 such of the passengers and crew as are found to be free from sleeping sickness shall be allowed to land.
7. If a case of sleeping sickness occurs on any vessel after she has centered dock or has been moored at a wharf, the master shall forthwith cause information thereof to be given to the dockmaster or superintendent of the wharf, who shall communicate the information to the Health Officer (through the Port Officer) and to the Superintendent of Police, and shall be responsible that the sick person shall be isolated as much as possible, and that free communication with the wharf is stopped until the Health Officer has inspected the vessel.
8. The Health Officer shall remove to a hospital or other place appointed for the purpose by the Local Government every person found on board suffering from or suspected to be suffering from sleeping sickness, and every such person shall be detained for observation and treatment in the said hospital or place or any other hospital or place to which the removal of such persons may be authorised by the Local Government and shall be isolated in such a manner as will prevent as far as possible the communication of the disease to other persons by the agency of biting flies, and shall continue to be so detained and isolated until a medical officer authorised on this behalf by the Local Government certifies that he is not suffering from sleeping sickness or that having suffered from the disease he has been cured.
9. The Health Officer shall inform the Municipal Health Officer in every case in which a person suffering or suspected to be suffering from sleeping sickness is removed under his orders to a hospital or other place within Municipal limits, and in cases in which the disease has not been definitely diagnosed at the time of removal, shall also report to the Municipal Health Officer whether the diagnosis is confirmed or not.

10. All persons removed to hospital or kept under observation at any place shall obey and conform to the rules, regulations and orders for the time being in force at such hospital or place.

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