

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Rules for the guidance of the Health Officer of the Port of Rangoon, Myanmar.

NOTIFICATIONS.

No. 52

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No. 52.- The following rules, for the guidance of the Health Officer of the Port of Rangoon, are published for general information. The powers conferred on the Health Officer by law are specified in section 17 of the Indian Ports Act, 1889, the duties of pilots in connection with the health of vessels are set forth in Rule 38 of the Rangoon Pilot Rules. The section and rule are reprinted at the end of these rules:-

1. On receiving intimation, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 38 of the Rangoon Pilot Rules, of the existence of contagious disease on a vessel, the Deputy Conservator shall despatch immediate notice to the Health Officer of the port. The Health Officer shall promptly inspect the vessel and proceed in the manner prescribed by the rules published in General Department Notification No. 41, dated the 21st February 1891.
2. In the event of any contagious disease occurring on board any vessel in port, the Health Officer of the port will be informed of the same by the Deputy Conservator, who will, in communication with the Health Officer, take such steps as are authorized by the Rules of 1891 and as under the circumstances may be deemed advisable.
If the vessel on which contagious disease occurs is a Government vessel and there is no qualified Medical Officer on board, it will be the duty of the Health Officer of the port to proceed on board and give medical aid.
3. Any person suffering from a contagious disease on board any vessel in port shall, at the discretion of the Health Officer of the port and subject to Rule 4 of the rules above quoted, be landed and removed to the General Hospital, or to such other place as may be approved of by the Health Officer, who will also, when necessary, direct the efficient disinfecting of the vessel. If the sick person is not in a condition to be removed, the vessel may, if deemed advisable, be isolated or placed in quarantine. All the clothing,

bedding, &c., of persons who have died from any contagious disease shall be either destroyed or carefully disinfected.

4. The Health Officer of the port is required to visit every ship as soon after her arrival as practicable, and he is empowered to make such suggestions as may seem to him fit for improving the sanitary condition of any ship, or the crew of any ship that he may visit, and, on failure of their being carried out, he shall report the circumstances to the Shipping-master. The Health Officer shall not be entitled to any payment for such visits.
5. On the departure of a vessel from the port no seaman belonging to it shall be allowed to remain on shore as sick, except under a certificate from the Civil Surgeon under whose care he may be, or of the Health Officer of the port, certifying to the unfitness of such seaman to proceed in the vessel. Such certificate shall be lodged with the Shipping-master.
6. On the requisition of any commander of a vessel to the Shipping-master it shall be the duty of the Health Officer of the port to examine and report on the state of health of any of the crew who may be under treatment on shore. If the patient be under treatment in the General Hospital, a certificate as to his state shall be furnished by the officer in charge of that institution, which will be accepted in lieu of that of the Health Officer.
7. These rules do not apply to Her Majesty's ships of war, Her Majesty's Indian Marine ships, nor ordinarily to mail-steamers; but, in case of a contagious disease manifesting itself on such vessels, it is the duty of the pilot to act as prescribed in Rule 38 of the Rangoon Pilot Rules.
8. With the previous sanction of the Chief Commissioner the Health Officer may depute any duly qualified Medical Officer to perform his duties under these rules.
9. Each pilot of the port of Rangoon shall be supplied with a sufficient number of copies of these rules in order that he may supply a copy to each master of a vessel entering the port when directing the attention of the master thereto as required by Rule 38 of the Pilot Rules.
10. To enable him to carry out these duties the Health Officer should apply to the Deputy Conservator for the use of a Port Trust steam-launch or boat and, if available from other public service, such launch or boat will be placed at his disposal.
11. It shall be the duty of the Port Health Officer-
 - (a) to inspect ships when any particular sickness may appear to demand investigation;

- (b) to grant bills-of-health to the masters of all ships that ask to be furnished therewith in the form prescribed from time to time by Government;
- (c) to examine, when required, the provisions, water, limejuice, and medicines of British ships, and to see that they are of good quality and sufficient in quantity for the proposed voyage;
- (d) to examine, when required, the sleeping-berths or accommodation for crews of ships in order to ascertain that the space is sufficiently large and well ventilated;
- (e) to examine any seaman or lascar applying for employment in a British ship, and to give to the Shipping-master a report under his hand stating whether such seaman or lascar is in a fit state of health for duty at sea;
- (f) to communicate and co-operate on all sanitary matters which pertain to the shipping with the Shipping-master and on such as relate to the port with the Deputy Conservator of the Port.

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Secretary.

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[ATTACH LIST 1] 01 Powers conferred by law on the Health Officer. [Section 17, Indian Ports Act, 1889.]
[ATTACH LIST 2] 02 Duties of Pilots in connection with the health of vessels. [Rule 38 of the Rangoon Pilot Rules.]