

**GENERAL DEPARTMENT.**

**(Rules for the medical inspection of Vessels in the ports of Myanmar.)**

**NOTIFICATIONS.**

**No.41**

**The 21st February 1891.**

**[ Amendment : 18.06.1989 ]**

No.41.-The following rules for the medical inspection of vessels, which have been made by the Chief Commissioner, under section 6, sub-section (I), clause (p), of the Indian Ports Act, 1889, in supersession of all previous rules on the same subject, are published for general information;-

**Rules for the medical inspection of Vessels in the ports of Myanmar.**

**<Amendment 18.06.1989>**

1. The master of every vessel on board of which any deaths from any cause whatever otherwise than from accident have occurred during the voyage, or on board of which there is, either among the passengers or crew, any case of cholera, smallpox, or other epidemic disease common in India, shall report such death or deaths, or case or cases, to the pilot or other boarding officer at the earliest opportunity, or in the absence of a pilot or other boarding officer, or if the vessel be at anchor within port limits when such disease first breaks out, shall hoist a signal, which shall be during the day Flag R of the Commercial Code at the main and during the night two white lights, one over the other, at the fore.
2. The Deputy Conservator of the Port having received information from the pilot or other boarding officer, or by signal, that any such deaths have occurred, or that any such case is on board, shall communicate the information to the Health Officer of the port.
3. The Health Officer, as early as possible after receipt of this information, shall inspect the vessel and more especially its sanitary condition, shall inquire into the circumstances attending the case or cases of the said disease, and shall arrange for the conveyance of all persons suffering from such disease to a hospital, unless the sick person or his friends can make adequate provision elsewhere. The Health Officer shall inform the Municipal Health Officer in all cases in which he arranges for the conveyance of a patient to a hospital or other place within Municipal limits.

4. The latter part of Rule No.3 is, however, not to be enforced in the case of passengers bound for an onward port unless under the clearest necessity; and of every such case a special report, explaining the reasons for the action taken, must be submitted to the Government.
5. Where the deaths which have occurred or the cases of disease are limited to one or two cases, the vessel shall not be prohibited from taking up the usual place of anchorage in the harbour, nor shall the passenger be detained on board pending the inspection of the Health Officer; but the master of the vessel shall be held responsible that no passenger suspected of having such disease is allowed to depart before this inspection.
6. Where deaths or cases have been more numerous than two, or when, from their occurring on pilgrim or emigrant ships, or for other special reasons, further precautions may be deemed advisable, the vessel shall anchor in the place appointed for the purpose and none of the passengers shall be allowed to leave until the Health Officer has made his inspection. Provided that any mails which the vessel may have brought may be landed at once if the mail bags have been kept throughout the voyage in a part of the ship to which the passengers have not had access.
7. Vessels coming under this last rule shall be thoroughly cleansed and fumigated under the directions of the Health Officer. In the case of smallpox it shall also be his duty to vaccinate, or have vaccinated, all those on board who appear to require this protection and are willing to accept it.
8. On a death occurring on board of a vessel lying at anchor within the limits of the port, on board of which the quarantine flag is flying, the same shall be reported by signal to the Deputy Conservator of the Port, who shall inform the District Superintendent of Police, and this latter office shall arrange for the removal of the dead body from such vessel and shall also arrange for the proper interment of the same.

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