

Under-Secretary, Public Works Department, Wellington, and to the Telegraph Engineer of the district, or his Deputy, at present stationed at Hokitika.

6. DURATION OF LICENSE.

This license shall, unless sooner determined in accordance with the provisions hereinafter expressed, continue in force for a period of forty-two years from the date hereof. Upon the expiry of the said term, or upon the sooner determination of this license by revocation or otherwise, all rights hereby granted to the licensee shall thereupon cease and determine; but such expiration or determination shall not relieve the licensee of any liability theretofore incurred under this license.

7. REQUIREMENTS OF WESTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the licensee shall not be entitled to erect, maintain, or use any electric lines within the Westland County, except subject to such conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of this license and the regulations relating thereto, as may from time to time be agreed upon between the licensee and the Westland County Council.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Regulations as to the Shipment and Landing of Petroleum

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

t the Government House at Wellington, this ninth day of December, 1918.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by section two hundred and five of the Harbours Act, 1908, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke clauses 19 to 27 of the General Harbour Regulations made by Order in Council of the fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, in so far as they relate to petroleum, but not further or otherwise, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the following General Harbour Regulations (to be in force in all the ports of New Zealand) with respect to the landing, shipping, transshipping, and removal of petroleum.

GENERAL HARBOUR REGULATIONS.

1. In these regulations—

"Petroleum" means petroleum as defined by section 2 of the Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act, 1908; and includes all such rock oil, Rangoon oil, Burmah oil, any product of them, and any oil made from petroleum, coal, schist, shale, peat, or other bituminous substance, and any product of them, as gives off an inflammable vapour at a temperature of less than 110° Fahr.

"Owner," used in relation to a vessel, includes the agent of the owner and also includes a charterer.

"Harbourmaster" includes the secretary of a Harbour Board holding appointment as wharfinger, and also includes any other official appointed by a Harbour Board to carry out the duties or functions of the Harbourmaster under these regulations.

2. (1.) A vessel carrying passengers shall not carry as deck cargo a greater quantity of petroleum than one-half (by measurement) of the maximum quantity of deck cargo which that vessel may, for the time being, be authorized to carry pursuant to a permit issued under section 223 of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908.

(2.) No petroleum carried as deck cargo on a passenger-vessel shall be stowed near a gangway, and all such petroleum must be clear of other cargo and of boats and boat-davits.

3. If any vessel leaves any harbour or plies within any harbour with any petroleum on board otherwise than in conformity with the foregoing provisions of these regulations, the owner and master of that vessel shall be deemed to have committed a breach of these regulations, and shall be jointly and severally liable therefor accordingly.

4. On arrival at a port in New Zealand of any vessel carrying more than 2,000 gallons of petroleum the following rules shall be observed:—

(1.) On such vessel entering the port, and so long as the vessel remains in port with more than 2,000 gallons of petroleum on board, the master shall, between sunrise and sunset, display at the masthead a red flag not less than 30 in. square,

and shall, between sunset and sunrise, display at the masthead a red light; and, while the vessel is berthed at any wharf, also display a red light in some other conspicuous part of the vessel so as to be easily visible from the wharf.

(2.) On or before the arrival in port of such vessel the master or owner shall inform the Harbourmaster of the quantity of petroleum on board and of the manner in which it is stowed.

(3.) While in the port the master shall—

(a.) Berth the vessel only at such wharf as may be approved by the Harbourmaster;

(b.) Keep all holds and spaces containing petroleum securely closed except when opened for ventilation, loading, or unloading; and

(c.) Cause the cargo (as far as it consists of petroleum) to be unloaded with all possible despatch.

5. The owner or master of a vessel shall not permit petroleum to be shipped on or unshipped from the vessel—

(a.) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, without the permission in writing of the Harbourmaster;

(b.) Unless and until the holds and spaces in which petroleum is or has been stowed have been thoroughly ventilated; and

(c.) Unless and until all pipes and other appliances used for handling petroleum in bulk are free from leakage.

6. (1.) The owner or master of a vessel shall not permit any petroleum to be loaded thereon unless—

(a.) The holds or spaces in which such petroleum is to be stowed are separated from all other spaces in which cargo may be stored by watertight or airtight bulkheads, or by other means approved in writing by a Surveyor of Ships;

(b.) Such holds or spaces are provided with—

(i.) Efficient inlet-ventilators, passing through the deck into the holds or spaces aforesaid; and

(ii.) Efficient outlet-ventilators, extending above the deck from the bottom of the holds or spaces aforesaid;

such inlet and outlet ventilators in all cases having large cowlheads, their outer openings being completely covered with fine brass-wire gauze; and

(c.) All deck and other openings from the holds and spaces in which petroleum is stowed are provided with hatches or other coverings approved in writing by a Surveyor of Ships.

(2.) The inlet and outlet ventilators referred to in the foregoing provisions of this clause shall be conspicuously marked with the words "Inlet" or "To windward," and "Outlet" or "To leeward" respectively, as the case may be.

7. The owner or other person entitled to receive delivery of any petroleum from any vessel shall, if such petroleum is unloaded upon a wharf, remove the petroleum from the wharf before sunset of the same day, or before the expiry of such longer period (if any) as may be allowed in that behalf by the written order of the Harbourmaster.

8. Petroleum may be transhipped directly from one vessel to another at such berthage or anchorage and in accordance with such conditions as the Harbourmaster may in writing approve or impose.

9. No person shall smoke tobacco on or about any vessel on or from which petroleum is being shipped, transhipped, or discharged; nor shall any person have in his possession or under his control on or about any such vessel any fire or light other than a fire or light approved under this clause by the Harbourmaster or a Surveyor of Ships.

10. (1.) No petroleum shall be unloaded on to or shipped from any wharf unless and until the space proposed to be occupied by the petroleum has been barricaded at each end in the manner hereinafter specified and a "Danger" notice conspicuously placed on the outward side of each barricade.

(2.) Such barricades shall be sufficiently high, close, and continuous to enable pedestrian traffic to the enclosed space to be effectively regulated, and must be erected to the satisfaction of the Harbourmaster.

11. Immediately after any petroleum has been discharged from a vessel the master shall cause the holds or spaces in which the petroleum has been stowed to be thoroughly cleaned and ventilated to the satisfaction of a Surveyor of Ships.

12. (1.) The Minister of Marine may, by notice in the *Gazette*, exempt petroleum of any specified description from the operation of any of these regulations.

(2.) Nothing in these regulations shall apply in any case when the total quantity of petroleum shipped, transhipped, or unshipped, or proposed to be shipped, transhipped, or unshipped, on or from any vessel on any occasion is less than 200 gallons.

13. Every person who commits a breach of any of these regulations shall be liable to a fine of £100.

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