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Admiralty 42402

Cargo Manifest

Consent in <sup>infers</sup> view that <sup>infers</sup> fines in conn. with incomplete manifests ~~shd.~~ not be remitted.

n.b. The original of this is registered General.

W. Read

The Board of Customs have quite missed the point (41804); but, in view of the opinion of the Com<sup>r</sup> (38653), the Admiralty (42402), & the Board of Trade in the last paragraph of this letter, we can only tell the East African Steam Conference, with further reference to 15576, that the S. of B. expects that he is unable to approve of the fines

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H. J. R.

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Board of Trade,  
(Commercial Department)  
Gwydyr House,  
Whitehall,  
London, S.W.

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16th October 1916.

Sir,

With reference to the letter (J.27521) which was addressed to you from this Department on the 3rd October enclosing a revised draft of a notice respecting Bills of Lading, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that certain slight verbal alterations have been made in the draft at the instance of Sir N. Highmore, and I am to transmit to you herewith, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Bonar Law a copy of the notice as amended which the Board propose to publish in the issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 19th October.

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In this connexion I am to refer to your letter (No.38653) of the 25th August relating to fines in respect of incomplete cargo manifests of vessels calling at Mombasa and I am to state that the Board are in agreement with the views expressed by the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate in his despatch (No.415) of the 6th July.

I am, Sir, etc.

(Sd) H. FOUNTAIN.

Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office, S.W.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND SHIPOWNERS  
RESPECTING MANIFESTS AND BILLS OF LADING

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Shippers of goods not requiring licences are therefore advised not to make out bills of Lading "to order" but only (a) to a named consignee, or (b) to a bank or financial house of high standing with the remark in the margin of the Bill of Lading "Notify A.B.", "A.B." being the name of the person or firm for whom the goods are ultimately destined. Goods shipped to Holland should be consigned to the Netherlands Oversea Trust.

It is essential during the War that, in the case of all goods whether shipped under licence or not, British ships should have on board throughout the voyage a full manifest of cargo and all the Bills of Lading or certified copies of the Bills of Lading.

Unless these requirements are complied with, there will be a risk that the ships will be stopped and diverted by H.M. Ships or the War Vessels of the Allied Nations, in order to permit of full examination of the cargo, and ascertainment of its destination.

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at ports in countries contiguous to enemy territory, compliance with these requirements is of special importance and serious delay may result to ship and cargo in such cases if all ship's papers are not on board and in order.

This Notice supersedes the announcement made by the Board of Trade on August 19th, 1915, but in no way affects the requirement of Section 4 of the Customs (War Powers) Act 1915, in regard to licensed goods.

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*Ans'd 52817*

Downing Street,

25 October 1916.

DRAFT.

The Secretary,  
EAST AFRICAN STEAM CONFERENCE.

Sir,

MINUTE.

With further reference to your

Mr. Butler, 23/10/16.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

letter of the 31st of March and the  
reply from this Office of the 12th of  
April. I am directed by Mr. Secretary  
Bonar Law to inform you that, after  
full consideration, he regrets that he  
is unable to approve of a refund being  
made of the fines imposed at Mombasa  
in connection with cargo war-facts of  
ships calling at that port.

*fs.*  
*(15576)*  
*Copy sent 26 Oct 16*

I am, etc.,

W. H. R. READ

*to Sir (17) for*

