Subject to the pilotage regulations contained in paragraphs 66–68, merchant vessels arriving from seaward may proceed to the examination anchorage and there anchor at any time.

(2) Normally, merchant vessels are permitted to enter the port by day and by night after having passed through the examination service.

(3) For fog and thick-weather restrictions on entry into the port, see paragraph 23.

(4) For other restrictions on entry into the port, see paragraph 26.

- 13. Merchant vessels approaching the port are especially cautioned against making use of private signals of any description either by day or night; the use of such signals will render merchant vessels liable to be fired on.
- 14. All merchant vessels must pass through the examination service before they will be permitted to enter the port.
- 15. All merchant vessels approaching a New Zealand port at which the examination service is in force must hoist their signal letters on arriving within visual-signalling distance of the port and are not to wait for the signal "What ship is that?" to be made by the examination vessel or signal-station.
- 16. Merchant vessels (other than small craft—for definition of which see paragraph 6—and for instructions for which see paragraph 31) wishing to enter the port are to proceed to the examination anchorage and there anchor unless before anchoring they are given permission and the necessary instructions to proceed into the port by the Examining Officer.
- 17. All orders and instructions necessary to enable a merchant vessel to enter the port will be given by the Examining Officer whose orders and instructions are to be implicitly obeyed. Disobedience will render a merchant vessel liable to be fired on.
- 18. As a general rule merchant vessels will be examined by the Examining Officer in the order of their arrival in the examination anchorage.
- 19. Any merchant vessels attempting to leave the examination anchorage without permission of the Examining Officer will be fired on.
- 20. Should bad weather or any other cause prevent a merchant vessel anchoring in the examination anchorage she will be ordered by the Examining Officer to remain under way in the examination anchorage or to proceed to sea, and will not be permitted to enter the port unless she can be identified while under way by the Examining Officer.
- 21. Port dues will not be collected from merchant vessels which close the examination vessel solely for the purpose of obtaining information.
- 22. Prohibited Entrances.—Motukoreho Channel and the passage south of Motukoreho Island will be closed to all traffic.
- 23. Fog or Thick-weather Restrictions.—Vessels should anchor during fog or thick weather.
- 24. Examination Anchorage, Position and Limits.—The examination anchorage is situated in Rangitoto Channel, as shown on Admiralty Charts 1896, Approaches to Auckland, and 1970, Auckland Harbour.
- 25. Examination Steamers.—The examination steamers will be found in the examination anchorage or in the vicinity thereof, and will be known by the following distinguishing marks:—
- (a) By Day: They will fly a special flag—white and red horizontal surrounded by a blue border—at the fore masthead and the Blue Ensign.

