

13. Merchant vessels approaching the port are especially cautioned against making use of private signals of any description either by day or by 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 are 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 steamer or signal-station.

16. Merchant vessels (other than small craft—for definition of which, see paragraph 6, and for instructions for which, see paragraph 29) 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 the permission of the Examining Officer will be fired on.

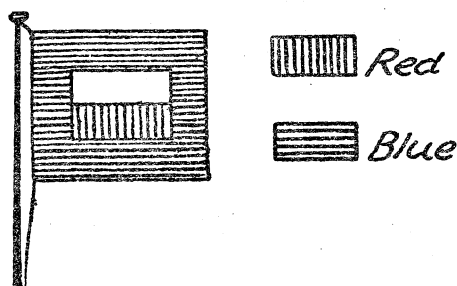
20. Should bad weather or any other cause prevent a merchant vessel anchoring in the examination anchorage she will be ordered by the Examining Officer to remain under way in the examination anchorage or to proceed to sea and will not be permitted to enter the port unless she can be identified while under way by the Examining Officer.

21. Port dues will not be collected from merchant vessels which close the examination steamer solely for the purpose of obtaining information.

22. *Examination Anchorage, Position, and Limits.*—The examination anchorage is situated in Worser Bay, within the following limits: From Steeple Rock, 090° 2 cables; thence 000° 10 cables; thence 270° to the land.

23. *Examination Steamers.*—The examination steamer 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.



Should the port be closed (see paragraph 24) they will hoist in addition to the above three red balls vertical 6 ft. apart, in a position where they are clearly visible all round the horizon.

(b) By Night: They will carry in addition to the ordinary navigation lights three lights vertical 6 ft. apart, in a position where they are clearly visible all round the horizon. These three lights will be white when the port is open and red when the port is closed.