

5:2. A notification intended for the master of any ship may be transmitted to the owner or agent of that ship, and it shall be the duty of such owner or agent immediately to use all possible lawful means of communicating the notification to the master of the ship, and thereupon to furnish the Naval Board with evidence that the notification has been so communicated or with an explanation of the circumstances by reason of which it has not been so communicated.

5:3. It shall be the duty of the owner and agent of every ship to furnish to the master thereof all plant and equipment necessary for compliance with any notification given under these regulations and to provide for the installation thereof, and the agent shall be entitled to recover from the owner all costs incurred by him in furnishing and installing such plant or equipment.

#### REGULATION 6.—CONVOY.

6:1. If the master of any ship under convoy wilfully disobeys any lawful signal, instruction, or command of the commander of the convoy, or without leave deserts the convoy, then, without prejudice to his liability under any other enactment, he commits an offence against these regulations.

6:2. The master of any vessel not sailing in convoy shall keep his vessel clear of any convoy that he may meet or overtake.

#### REGULATION 7.—CLEARANCES.

7:1. Nothing in these regulations shall be deemed to authorize the master of a ship to depart with his ship from any port without receiving from the Collector of Customs a certificate of clearance in the prescribed form.

7:2. On receiving any notification requiring him to depart with his ship from any port, the master thereof shall forthwith make application for any clearance that may be necessary to enable him to comply with the notification.

7:3. It shall be a defence to any person charged with failing to comply with any direction given under the authority of these regulations and requiring the departure of a ship from any port in so far only as the offence alleged amounts to failure so to depart if he proves that for such departure a clearance was necessary and that he made application for a clearance with all due promptitude and that he was unable to obtain the necessary clearance.

#### REGULATION 8.—OFFENCES.

8:1. Any person who fails to carry out any duty imposed on him by these regulations or fails to comply with any notification under these regulations given to him or binding upon him commits an offence against these regulations.

8:2. It shall be a defence to any person charged with an offence against these regulations if he proves that in complying therewith he would have committed a breach of any direction or order given by the Admiralty and binding upon him in the particular circumstances.

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