

8. Except with the previous written consent of the Minister, no person shall grant, or agree to grant, or offer to grant, or accept or agree to accept or offer to accept, a charter of a New Zealand ship, or be knowingly concerned in the grant or acceptance, whether in New Zealand or elsewhere, of a charter of a New Zealand ship.

9. Any consent given under these regulations may be given subject to such conditions as the Minister thinks fit to impose, and in particular to conditions requiring payment to the Public Account of any sum of money approved by the Minister of Finance and providing for the time or times and manner at and in which such money shall be paid and for the manner of disposition by a transferor, mortgagor, or charterer of any moneys received by him as consideration for the transfer, mortgage, or charter party, and requiring security to be given to the satisfaction of the Minister for compliance with any condition as to payment or disposition of moneys or any other condition :

Provided, first, that every minute of approval by the Minister of Finance to a condition requiring a payment to be made to the Public Account shall be laid before the House of Representatives as soon as may be after it is signed, and shall cease to have effect on the expiration of a period of twenty-eight days beginning with the date on which the minute of approval is signed, unless at some time before the expiration of that period it has been approved by a resolution of the House of Representatives, without prejudice, however, to the validity of anything previously done under the minute or to the issue of a new minute :

Provided, secondly, that in reckoning any period of twenty-eight days for the purposes of this regulation no account shall be taken of any time during which the General Assembly is dissolved or prorogued or during which the House of Representatives is adjourned for more than four days.

RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE OF NEW ZEALAND SHIPS.

10. (1) Without the previous written consent of the Minister, it shall not be lawful for any New Zealand ship which at the date of these regulations is engaged in trading in or with New Zealand to be diverted from that trade, whether permanently or temporarily ; and every person who in New Zealand is knowingly concerned in any such diversion, whether it takes place in New Zealand or elsewhere, shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, and shall be liable accordingly.

(2) Such consent may be granted subject to such terms as to the employment of the ship as the Minister thinks fit, and if the ship is employed otherwise than in accordance with those terms, whether in New Zealand or elsewhere, every person who in New Zealand is knowingly concerned in such employment shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, and shall be liable accordingly.

11. It shall be the duty of every owner or charterer of a New Zealand ship, and of every servant or agent of any such owner or charterer, to afford at all times to the Minister such information as he may demand as to the voyages, employment, or whereabouts of that ship, or otherwise with respect to that ship ; and every person who