STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1075

HARBOURS, DOCKS, PIERS AND FERRIES

The Dockyard Port of Rosyth (Amendment) Order 1980

Made - - - -	*28th July* 1980
Laid before Parliament	*5th August* 1980
Coming into Operation	*1st September* 1980

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of July 1980

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty In Council

Her Majesty, in pursuance of sections 5 and 7 of the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act 1865(a) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, and, in so far as section 7 of the Act is concerned, on the joint recommendation of the Secretary of State for Defence and the Secretary of State for Trade, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of September 1980 and may be cited as the Dockyard Port of Rosyth (Amendment) Order 1980.

2. The Dockyard Port of Rosyth Order 1975(b) shall be amended as follows:

(1) In Article 3 there shall be inserted after the word "Inverkeithing" the words ", Port Edgar".

(2) In the First Schedule:

(*a*) in Regulation 4, the words "metric tonnes" shall be substituted for the word "tons";

(*b*) in Regulation 9, the words "buoys or posts coloured yellow with top marks or lights, where necessary, as laid down for special marks in the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities Maritime Buoyage System 'A'" shall be substituted for the words "buoys coloured green and white, or by posts coloured red".

(a) 1865 c. 125. (b) S.I. 1975/1704.

(3) In the Second Schedule:

(*a*) In Rule 1, the words "Rule 9 of" shall be deleted;

(*b*) Rule 2 and heading thereto shall be omitted;

(*c*) in Rule 3(1) after the word "displayed" there shall be inserted the words "(hereinafter called "the Main Traffic Warning Light")";

(*d*) in Rule 3(3) for the words "main traffic warning light" there shall be substituted the words "Main Traffic Warning Light";

(*e*) In Rule 3(5) the words "and Rule 5" shall be inserted after the word "Rule";

(*f*) In Rule 3 there shall be inserted the following new paragraph:

"(6) When the Main Traffic Warning Light is displayed in favour of any vessel, that vessel shall exhibit the signal (shapes and lights) prescribed in the Collision Regulations for a vessel, restricted in her ability to manoeuvre. Where, by nature of her construction, a vessel is unable to display the prescribed signal, that signal is to be exhibited by the tug or tugs in attendance".;

(*g*) For the existing heading above Rule 4 there shall be substituted "Passage through the bridges at Queensferry";

(*h*) For the existing Rule 5 there shall be substituted the following new Rule:

"5(1) When the Main Warning Light at North Queensferry is displayed pursuant to Rule 3(1), it shall be the duty of all vessels including those specifically authorised to enter or remain in the Protected Channel (as defined in Rule 3(5) above), to keep out of the way of the favoured vessel (as signified by the signals prescribed in Rule 3(6) above) in the vicinity of the Forth Railway Bridge, and not to approach the bridge until the Main Traffic Warning Light has been extinguished.

(2) In conditions where visibility is less than half a nautical mile (hereinafter referred to as conditions of poor visibility) no vessel may enter the Protected Channel in the area bounded by the Forth Railway Bridge to the east and by the meridian through the Beamer Rock Light to the west unless she has obtained clearance to do so from the Forth Navigation Service operated by the Forth Ports Authority. Vessels that are already within the said area at the time when conditions of poor visibility become applicable may proceed providing they do so with the utmost caution and comply with conditions hereinafter provided as to priority of passage. Subject to Rule 5(1) outgoing vessels shall have priority of passage over incoming vessels in the specified range".

(*i*) For the existing Rule 8 there shall be substituted the following new Rule:

"8. When a power-driven vessel underway by day or by night is for any reason unable to manoeuvre as required by the Collision Regulations and these Rules, she shall signify the same to any approaching vessel in sight by sounding at intervals of not more than 2 minutes, three blasts of the whistle in succession, namely one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts."

(*j*) Rule 9 and heading thereto shall be omitted;

(*k*) For the existing Rule 11 there shall be substituted the following new rule:

"11. Should any vessel sink, be stranded, or become a wreck in any part of the Dockyard Port so that an obstruction is caused, or is likely to be caused, the master or owner of such vessel shall immediately notify the Queen's Harbour Master. If in his opinion it is necessary, the Queen's Harbour Master may arrange to mark any wreck or obstruction by the appropriate New Danger buoy as laid down in the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities Maritime Buoyage System 'A'."

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

1. This Order amends the Dockyard Port of Rosyth Order 1975 by altering the Rules contained in that Order regarding passage through the bridges at Queensferry.

2. The Order makes provision for:

(*a*) The introduction of the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities Maritime Buoyage System 'A';

(*b*) The introduction of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972;

(*c*) The exclusion of the Harbour of Port Edgar from the limits of the Dockyard Port.