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SMUGGLING REWARDS.

1. The Board are about to revise section IX. of the Smuggling Instructions, Part I, with a view to simplifying the existing system of smuggling rewards, and meeting the criticism that seizing officers ought not to have a direct pecuniary interest in the amount of the penalties imposed in each particular case.

2. Meanwhile the Board direct that smuggling rewards in respect of tobacco of all descriptions, including cigars and cigarettes, are to be calculated and paid at the inclusive flat rates of 10s. 8d. per lb. where a conviction is obtained, and 2s. 8d. per lb. where no conviction is obtained, subject in each case to a special report to the Board where the total reward exceeds £10 or an individual share exceeds £5. For this purpose a conviction is in future to be regarded as including:

- (a) a prosecution in Court where the decision is in favour of the Crown;
- (b) the acceptance of a compromise fine in lieu of legal proceedings;
- (c) the prescribed report to the Naval Authorities in the case of Navy seizures, except those referred to as "small seizures" in the table at page 6 of G.O. 12/1917.

3. The new instructions will be issued without delay,* and pending their receipt the payment of smuggling rewards on spirits and other goods is to stand over.