

General Order  $\frac{27}{1906}$ .

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CUSTOM HOUSE, LONDON,

2nd May, 1906.

NIGHT AND SUNDAY VISITS BY SUPERVISING  
OFFICERS.

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NIGHT VISITS.

*Ports with a continuous Waterguard Attendance.*

1. The Chief Preventive Officer, or the Surveyor performing as part of his duties those of Chief Preventive Officer, is to make at least four disciplinary night visits per month, of which at least one is to be between midnight and 6 a.m. On each occasion he is to satisfy himself that the Officers are at their posts and giving proper attention to their duties. This instruction is to be observed by each Chief Preventive Officer when there is more than one Chief Preventive Officer at the port. Chief Preventive Officers who are fully employed as Immigration Officers will not, however, be required to make these visits.

2. At ports where no Chief Preventive Officer is stationed, or where no separate office of Surveyor exists, the visits will fall to be made by the Collector as Surveyor. But at ports at which the senior Officer of the Outdoor Department is a 1st Class Examining Officer, the Collector may delegate a proportion of the visits to that Officer.

*Ports and Creeks where the Waterguard Attendance is not continuous.*

3. At least three night visits per fortnight are to be made by the Surveyor or Chief Preventive Officer, or, in the absence of Officers of these ranks, partly by the Collector or Officer in charge and partly by a senior Officer performing Waterguard

duties appointed by the Collector, one of the visits being made between midnight and 6 a.m.

4. At small ports and creeks where the foreign trade is intermittent, the Officer in charge, assisted, if necessary, by the Waterguard Officer (if any) above the rank of Preventive Man, is to make at least three visits per month, of which one is to be between midnight and 6 a.m. Where the foreign trade is very casual, the minimum number of visits is to be two per month, one visit in three being made between midnight and 6 a.m.

5. The visits directed in paragraphs 3 and 4 are to be made whether Officers are or are not on duty at the stations. At ports to which no Surveyor or Chief Preventive Officer is assigned, the visits, when Officers are on duty, must be made by the Collector or Officer in charge, but *Collectors* may occasionally delegate such visits to an Officer not of lower rank than Examining Officer 1st Class. The delegation of such visits to an Officer of lower rank than that named must receive the special sanction of the Board.

6. At ports where there is not a continuous Waterguard attendance, the Collector is to make not less than two special visits per quarter, or to issue to a senior Officer of the Waterguard staff a written order to make such visits, specifying the time at which the visit is to be made. Such orders are to be handed under cover to the Officers to whom they are addressed, as late in the day as possible. District Collectors will issue, twice a quarter, through the post, to the Officers in charge of member ports and creeks, orders to make special visits.

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7. At all ports and creeks night and special visits are to be recorded in Book No. 22, and in the Ship's Blue Books, special visits, when made, being entered in red ink.

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#### SUNDAY VISITS.

8. Where there is a continuous Waterguard attendance on Sundays, at least ten disciplinary visits per annum are to be made by the Officers named in paragraphs 1 and 2.

9. At ports where there is not a continuous Sunday attendance, at least one Sunday visit per month must be made by the Officer who, under this Order, makes night visits (paragraphs 3 to 5). He will satisfy himself that the Waterguard Officers on duty (if any) are at their stations.

10. The special directions recently issued to certain ports and creeks are not to be disturbed by this Order.

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11. At London and Liverpool the Assistant Inspectors are to make a minimum of one night visit per month at varied times, and, in addition, a minimum of one Sunday visit per quarter.

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12. The Instructions to Chief Officers, &c., are to be amended by the cancellation of paragraph 43, and the insertion of the following new paragraph:—

“You are occasionally to make, or cause to be made, night visits to vessels, whether in charge of Officers or not, in accordance with the standing regulations.”

13. General Orders  $\frac{142}{1847}$ ,  $\frac{33}{1849}$ ,  $\frac{46}{1849}$ ,  $\frac{104}{1849}$ ,  $\frac{120}{1855}$ ,  $\frac{94}{1880}$  and  $\frac{94}{1882}$  are hereby cancelled.

By Order of the Board,

H. V. READE.

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