73. Payment of Wharfage, etc

(1) Inward Cargo. — Wharfage and all other charges incurred in respect of cargo discharged out of vessels shall become payable immediately the said cargo has been landed. The consignee or owner of cargo shall, when making payment of all charges due to the Board, first present an order from the master or agent of the vessel discharging such cargo requesting the Board to release all goods described therein. The charges in respect of each bill of lading or consignment as shown on the manifest must be cleared by one payment.

Cargo will not be delivered from any shed or wharf to any consignee or owner until the written receipt of the Board for the payment of all charges due thereon (together with the order issued by the master or agent as aforesaid) be produced at the place of delivery. Cargo under Customs control is subject to a further release from that Authority.

(2) Outwards Cargo. — Wharfage and all other charges in respect of cargo to be shipped shall be paid prior to the said cargo being received by the Board. The consignor or owner of cargo shall hand to the Board a cart-note or such other written document as may be required which shall contain therein a full and accurate description and the gross weights or measurements of all such cargo. The charges on all cargo described in each bill of lading shall be cleared by one payment, for which the official receipt of the Board must be obtained.

Subject as provided elsewhere in these regulations, cargo may then be received at the shed or wharf wherever such is arranged to be taken into custody and the Board will give a receipt to the consignor or owner and subsequently deliver such cargo to the vessel in which it is intended to be shipped.

The Board may, at its discretion, accept from the consignor, owner, shipper or agent of the vessel in which the cargo is shipped a guarantee in writing that the wharfage and all other charges will be paid within 24 hours of the clearance of the vessel.

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