

*Registry.*

*Article 3.*—The laws, regulations, forms, and procedure relating to the matters following, that is to say :—

Obligation to register ;  
 Certificate of registry ;  
 Transfer and transmissions ;  
 Mortgages ;  
 Certificates of mortgage and sale ;  
 Name of ship ;  
 Registry of alterations, registry anew, and transfer of registry ;  
 Incapacitated persons ;  
 Trusts and equitable rights ;  
 Liability of beneficial owner ;  
 Managing owner ;  
 Declarations, inspection of register, and fees ;  
 Returns, evidence, and forms ;  
 Forgery and false declarations ;  
 Measurement of ship and tonnage—

shall be substantially the same throughout the British Commonwealth and so far as possible be based on Part I of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

*Article 4.*—In order that there may be a complete list of ships registered in all Parts of the British Commonwealth, for statistical purposes, particulars (such as the name of the ship, the registered number, the port to which she belongs, the name of the registered owner, and the tonnage) relating to all ships registered at their ports, will be forwarded by the administration of each Part of the Commonwealth at convenient intervals to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen in London. Copies of the complete list shall be forwarded annually to the administration of each Part of the Commonwealth.

*National Colours.*

*Article 5.*—It being recognized that the proper national colours for all ships registered in any Part of the Commonwealth shall be such as may be determined by the Government of that Part, each Part of the Commonwealth undertakes to prohibit under penalty (a) the use by ships registered in that Part of any national colours other than those determined for those ships ; (b) the hoisting on board any ship registered in that Part of colours proper to a ship of war or resembling any of those colours, without proper warrant.

## PART II.—STANDARDS OF SAFETY.

*Article 6.*—While each Part of the Commonwealth will from time to time determine the standards with which its ships shall be required to comply in all matters relating to safety, every endeavour will be made to preserve uniformity and to maintain the standards at present in force.

*Article 7.*—Each Government which proposes to make an alteration of substance in these standards will give as long notice as practicable to the other Governments of the proposed alteration and of the reasons for it.

*Article 8.*—Subject to the provisions of Part IV, nothing in this agreement affects the right of each Part to apply to any ship trading to its ports its regulations regarding the safety of ships, their crews and passengers, except in so far as the ship complies with regulations accepted by the Part as equivalent to its own regulations.

## PART III.—EXTRA-TERRITORIAL OPERATION OF LAWS.

*Article 9.*—Save as otherwise specially provided in this agreement, the laws relating to merchant shipping in force in one Part of the Commonwealth shall not be made to apply with extra-territorial effect to ships registered in another Part unless the consent of that other Part of the Commonwealth has been previously obtained :—

Provided that nothing contained in this Article shall be deemed to restrict the power of each Part of the Commonwealth to regulate the coasting trade, sea fisheries, and fishing industry of that Part.

## PART IV.—EQUAL TREATMENT.

*Article 10.*—Each Part of the British Commonwealth agrees to grant access to its ports to all ships registered in the British Commonwealth on equal terms, and undertakes that no laws or regulations relating to seagoing ships at any time in force in that Part shall apply more favourably to ships registered in that Part, or to the ships of any foreign country, than they apply to any ship registered in any other Part of the Commonwealth.

*Article 11.*—While each Part of the British Commonwealth may regulate its own coasting trade, it is agreed that any laws or regulations from time to time in force for that purpose shall treat all ships registered in the British Commonwealth in exactly the same manner as ships registered in that Part, and not less favourably in any respect than ships of any foreign country.

*Article 12.*—Nothing in the present agreement shall be deemed—

- (i) To derogate from the right of every Part of the Commonwealth to impose Customs tariff duties on ships built outside that Part ; or
- (ii) To restrict the right of the Government of each Part of the Commonwealth to give financial assistance to ships registered in that Part or its right to regulate the sea-fisheries of that Part.