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PART I.—GENERAL.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

Notice.

IT is hereby notified, for the information of all concerned, that no ships or space may be chartered, save with the concurrence of the Ministry of War Transport. Those who contemplate chartering ships or space should, as an essential preliminary, indicate the terms of the proposed charter party to the Principal Collector of Customs, so that he may invite the instructions of the Ministry of War Transport.

2. Agents of shipping lines are warned that export licences will be refused for shipment by vessels which are employed on charter parties not approved by the Ministry of War Transport. They should therefore take the earliest opportunity of ascertaining that the charter parties of all chartered vessels calling at Ceylon in their agency are approved by the Ministry of War Transport. In order to avoid inconvenience to themselves and to prospective shippers, it is suggested that they should request the agents of vessels at other ports to inform them by cable regarding the status of the charter party of any vessel clearing for Ceylon on a charter.

3. Importers are warned that steps will be taken to prevent importation of goods in ships chartered without the approval of the Ministry of War Transport, either by withdrawing import licences and detaining or confiscating the goods, or by refusal of authority to the vessel to discharge her cargo. Every endeavour should therefore be made to ensure that importations are not made by such vessels.

4. It is further notified that no trouble need be anticipated in the case of imports or shipments in British bottoms. So far as allied and neutral ships are concerned, it would be safer for importers or shippers to make inquiries from the agents of the status of the charter parties, except where regular lines which are known not to operate on charter are concerned.

No. S. 2/DO/14.  
H. M. Customs,  
Colombo, June 27, 1941.

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