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HARBOUR NOTIFICATION.

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Notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of Customs and the Consular Body having declared Amoy and Hongkong to be infected, and with a view to preventing the importation of plague into Chefoo, the following Regulations will be strictly enforced from the 27th May 1901.

- 1.—Every vessel which arrives in Chefoo and has on board, or has had on board within ten days of her arrival a case of plague or a case that might reasonably be suspected to be one of plague, or the dead body of a person who had or who might reasonably be suspected to have had plague, is an *Infected vessel*.
- 2.—Every vessel which arrives at Chefoo within ten days of her departure from such ports is a *Suspected vessel*.
- 3.—Every vessel arriving at Chefoo which is either an Infected or a Suspected vessel shall anchor one mile outside Tower Point with the Yellow Flag or letter Q flying under the flag (R. or T.) denoting that she is directly from Amoy or Hongkong. She must have no communication whatever with the shore until the Medical Officer has certified to a clean Bill of Health.
- 4.—Vessels arriving at night from Amoy and Hongkong, must anchor off Kung-kung-tao, where they are to remain until daylight next morning and then proceed to an anchorage in conformity with Rule 1.
- 5.—No person shall be allowed to go on board or to leave an Infected or a Suspected vessel without the sanction of the Medical Officer, nor shall such vessel be allowed to discharge cargo, baggage, &c.
- 6.—The inspection of vessels will take place between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., as soon as practicable after their arrival.
- 7.—In the case of Infected vessels, measures will be taken under the direction of the Medical Officer for the removal and/or isolation of all infected and suspected persons; for the removal of all infected bodies and for the disinfection of the vessel. The vessel shall not be released from quarantine until such disinfection has taken place and/or until she has been in quarantine for a period not exceeding ten days from the removal of the last infected case.
- 8.—In the case of Suspected vessels should there be no case or suspicious case of infection found during inspection, such vessel shall be admitted to pratique. Should there be a suspicious case the vessel becomes an Infected vessel.
- 9.—Vessels admitted to pratique and subsequently becoming while in the port of Chefoo, infected or suspected, will be required to proceed to Kung-kung-tao, there to await, without communicating with the shore, the decision of the Superintendent of Customs and the Consul concerned, as to the duration of Quarantine necessary.
- 10.—The Superintendent of Customs and the Medical Officer will select a suitable place on the West Beach for a Hospital in which to accommodate patients who arrive suffering from the plague.
- 11.—The importation of the following articles from infected ports is prohibited:—
Rags, old papers, fresh fruit, vegetables, plants of any kind to which earth or vegetable mould adheres, coffins containing corpses, and earth, mould or sand.
- 12.—Quarantined vessels will be inspected by the Medical Officer free, but special visits made at the request of the master or surgeon of the vessel concerned will be charged for at the rate of Chefoo Tls. 5 per visit payable to the "Inspecting Medical Officer." Before a patient is removed from an Infected vessel to the hospital, the Agents or Master of the vessel must give a written undertaking of responsibility for his hospital expenses. The disinfection of the vessel is to be paid for by the Company or the Captain concerned at cost price of the disinfectants used, for which the master of the vessel should sign an order on his Agents.
- 13.—Mail bags from infected ports to be fumigated under the superintendence of the Medical Officer, before being brought on shore. Each Post Office should supply its own disinfectants or pay proportionally at cost price for the disinfectants used.

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Approved:

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CUSTOM HOUSE,
CHEFOO, 27th May, 1901.