

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 655.

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By Command,

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Colonial Secretary.

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REGULATION

Made by His Excellency Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-chief of the Colony of Hongkong, under the authority of The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance 1891 section 5 (6).

1. The scale of fees appearing in Table C in the Schedule to The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance 1891 is hereby rescinded and the table lettered C appearing hereunder is substituted instead thereof :—

TABLE (C.)

Scales of fees under section 5, sub-section 6, and section 44, substituted for the scale appearing under Table C in the Schedule to Ordinance 26 of 1891.

(1.)—Surveys of Steam-ships for Passenger Certificates.

Tons (Register.)	Fee.	Tons (Register.)	Fee.
	\$		\$
100 and under,.....	50	1,200 and under 1,500,.....	148
Over 100 & not exceeding 300,.....	70	1,500 „ 1,800,.....	172
Over 300 and under 900,.....	100	1,800 „ 2,100,.....	196
900 and under 1,200,.....	124	2,100 „ 2,400,.....	220

\$24 for every additional 300 tons.

The above scale is for twelve months. For six months six-twelfths of the fee will be charged, for nine months nine-twelfths, and so on, at the rate of one-twelfth for each month ; but no fee is to be less in amount than three-twelfths. In all cases of new steam-ships, or of steam-ships coming under survey for a Passenger Certificate for the first time a full twelve months' fee must be paid, notwithstanding that a certificate for twelve months may not be required, and in no case of an incomplete declaration will less than three-twelfths be charged.

The fee paid in accordance with the foregoing scale covers any number of visits that a Surveyor may require to make before he is able to grant his declaration, as well as the inspection of the lights and fog signals, and of the marking of the vessel, which inspection must be made by the Surveyor before he can grant his declaration. The fee does not, however, apply to, or include, any inspection of lights, fog signals, or marking made subsequently to the granting of the declaration.

The above fee does not cover any service under the Chinese Passengers' Acts, or measurement for tonnage.

(2.)—Survey of Ships under the Chinese Passengers' Acts.

Surveys made within Office hours.	Fee.
	\$
Ordinary survey of the ship and of her equipments, accommodation, distilling apparatus (if any), stores, light, ventilation, and sanitary arrangements,	40
Special survey,	50
Do. entailing unusual attention,.....	60

A special survey is to be deemed to be a survey requiring more than two visits by a Government Surveyor or Surveyors, or a survey in cases in which from age or any other circumstances there are reasonable grounds for doubting the seaworthiness of the vessel. Where the case requires unusual attention and occupies an unusual amount of the Surveyor's time the higher fee of \$60 and upwards will be charged, according to the special circumstances of the case and the number of visits made.

Where a declaration has been granted for a steam-ship under this Ordinance, the survey under the Chinese Passengers' Acts will be made on payment of half the usual fee mentioned above. The fee paid in accordance with the above scale covers the inspection of the lights and fog signals, and the marking of the vessel, made at the time of survey under the Chinese Passengers' Acts. It does not, however, apply to, or include, any inspection of lights, fog signals, or marking, made subsequently to such survey.

The fee for survey under the Chinese Passengers' Acts does not cover any survey of a steam-ship for a Passenger Certificate under this Ordinance, or measurement for tonnage, or inspection of crew spaces.

Travelling expenses (if any) and subsistence expenses (if any) due according to the scale authorized by the Governor will be charged in addition to the fees.

(3.)—*Measurement of Tonnage.*

Tons (Gross Register.)	Fee.	Tons (Gross Register.)	Fee.
	\$		\$
Under 50,	14	1,200 to 2,000,	70
50 to 100,	20	2,000 to 3,000,	80
100 to 200,	30	3,000 to 4,000,	90
200 to 500,	40	4,000 to 5,000,	100
500 to 800,	50	5,000 and upwards,	110
800 to 1,200,	60		

(4.)—*Inspection of the Berthing or Sleeping Accommodation of the Crew.*

The fee to be paid on application for inspection is \$6.

A further fee of \$6 will be charged if more than one visit by the Surveyor is necessary.

The fees for inspection of crew spaces will not be charged if the inspection is made when the vessel is measured for tonnage, but if a second or third visit is necessary for crew spaces alone a fee of \$6 for each visit will be charged.

(5.)—*Inspection of Lights and Fog Signals.*

The fee to be paid on application for inspection is \$6.

A further fee of \$6 will be charged if more than one visit by the Surveyor is necessary.

(6.)—*Inspection of the Marking of Vessels.*

The fee for a first visit is \$6, and is to cover all expenses except where application is made by owner, when expenses are also to be charged. For any subsequent visit, expenses are to be charged, but no further fee.

(7.)—*Inspection of Tracings or Drawings.*

The fee to be paid when tracing is submitted for inspection is \$30.

This fee will not be charged when the full fee for survey under the Merchant Shipping or Chinese Passengers' Act has been paid.

(8.)—*Survey for Change of Name.*

Fees will be charged in accordance with the scale for a twelve-months' Passenger Certificate. (See Scale No. 1, above).

(9.)—*Survey for Re-registry under Section 6 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1873.*

Fee will be charged on the same scale as for change of name. This fee includes the inspection of crew spaces and lights, but does not include measurement for tonnage.

