STATUTORY RULES.
1936. No. 8.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE NAVIGATION ACT 1912-1935. 2

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of
Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council,
hereby make the following Regulations under the Navigation Act
1912-1935.

Dated this seventeenth
day of June , 1936.

[Signature]

Deputy of the
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

(Signed) THOS. C. BRENNAH

for Minister of State for Commerce.

NAVIGATION (RIVER MURRAY TRAFFIC) REGULATIONS.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Navigation (River Murray Traffic) Regulations.

2. These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

3. The Navigation (River Murray Traffic) Regulations (being repeal, Statutory Rules 1926, No. 162) are hereby repealed.

4. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears -- Definitions.

"prolonged blast" means a blast of from four to six seconds' duration;
"short blast" means a blast of about one second's duration;
"steamship" includes every vessel propelled by steam and every vessel over five tons gross register propelled by other mechanical power;
"surveyor" means a person appointed under the Navigation Act 1912-1935 to survey ships and their equipment, and includes a person appointed by the Minister to inspect ships;
"under way", in relation to a steamship, includes all times when she is not at anchor, or made fast to the shore, or aground;
"visible", when applied to lights, means visible on a dark night with a clear atmosphere.

5. These Regulations shall apply to all steamships used in navigation on the River Murray, or any of its tributaries.

* Notified in the Commonwealth Gazette on 1733.—2/2.6.1936.—Page 39.
6. The lights prescribed by these Regulations, and no others, shall be carried and exhibited in all weathers from sunset to sunrise, and during such time no other lights which may be mistaken for the prescribed lights shall be exhibited.

7. The lanterns containing the lights prescribed by these Regulations shall be approved by the surveyor as being suitable for the purpose for which they are carried and exhibited, and shall be used only for that purpose.

8. (1) Every steamship, when under way, shall carry and exhibit from some conspicuous place on each side of the vessel a bright white light in a globular lantern not less than six inches in diameter.

(2) The lights required to be carried by this regulation shall—

(a) in the case of vessels under twenty tons gross register—be visible at a distance of not less than two miles; and

(b) in the case of vessels of twenty tons gross register and upwards be visible at a distance of not less than three miles:

Provided that, when a steamship is under way, an electric search-light may also be used from a position between the two white lights prescribed in this regulation, but it shall be shut off or screened off on approaching, or being approached by, another vessel in sufficient time to prevent inconvenience to that vessel.

9. Every steamship towing a barge or barges, whether astern or alongside, or pushing a barge, shall, in addition to the lights prescribed in the last preceding regulation, carry and exhibit on the fore part of the funnel or steam pipe, or, in the case of a motor vessel in a position corresponding thereto, a bright white light in a globular lantern not less than six inches in diameter, and visible at a distance of not less than two miles.

10. The master of every steamship having a barge or barges in tow, light or barge, or pushing a barge, shall cause a bright white light visible at a distance of not less than two miles to be carried and exhibited from a conspicuous place on the fore part of each barge.

11. A steamship or barge, when at anchor in a fairway, or when moored to the bank at a place where vessels do not load or discharge cargo or lay up, shall carry and exhibit in a position at least ten feet above the deck, and so arranged as to be visible in all directions, a bright white light in a globular lantern not less than six inches in diameter and visible at a distance of not less than two miles.

12. Steamships meeting in narrow waters shall keep out of the way of each other, and reduce speed until well clear of each other.

13. Each steamship meeting another shall keep on her own right hand side of the river.

14. A steamship bound upstream shall give way to a steamship bound downstream.

15. A steamship overtaking another shall, in passing, keep the overtaken steamship on her own right hand side.
16. When vessels are in sight of one another, a steam vessel under way, in taking any course authorized or required by these Regulations, shall indicate that course by the following signals on her whistle or siren, viz.:—

One short blast to mean—"I am directing my course to the right.";

Two short blasts to mean—"I am directing my course to the left."; and

Three short blasts to mean—"My engines are going full speed astern."

17. On approaching a bend in the river, a steamship shall give one prolonged blast on the whistle or siren.

18. If aground or disabled in a fairway, a steamship shall, on the approach of another steamship, give four short blasts on the steam whistle or siren:

Provided that, if no steam is available on the first-mentioned steamship, the master shall be responsible for taking such other action, by day or night, as will best serve to avert collision by passing vessels.

19. Nothing in these Regulations shall exonerate any vessel or her owner or master from the consequences of any neglect or any precaution required by the ordinary practice of navigation on the River Murray or its tributaries, or by the special circumstances of the case.

20. Nothing in these Regulations shall interfere with the operation of any special rule, duly made by any competent authority, as to navigation in any lock, or in the immediate vicinity of any lock or bridge, on the River Murray or any of its tributaries.

21.—(1.) These Regulations shall, for the purposes of section two hundred and fifty-eight of the Navigation Act 1912-1935, be the regulations to be observed for the prevention of collisions, and for prescribing what lights and signals are to be used by steamships to which these Regulations apply.

(2.) The owner or master of any steamship to which these Regulations apply who contravenes any of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to the penalties provided in section two hundred and fifty-eight of the Navigation Act 1912-1935.