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**GOVERNMENT WHARVES ACT**

**CHAPTER 49:05**

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**CHAPTER 49:05**  
**GOVERNMENT WHARVES ACT**  
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1929 Ed.  
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**An Act to make provision for the regulation of Government Wharves.**

[4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1903]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Government Wharves Act.

Interpretation.  
 [4 of 1972]  
 Schedule.

2. In this Act "government wharf" means any wharf mentioned in the Schedule.

Minister may declare Government wharves.  
 [49 of 1952  
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3. The Minister may from time to time, by notice published in the *Gazette* amend the Schedule by adding any Wharf thereto or by deleting therefrom any existing Wharf.

Power to  
Minister to  
make  
regulations.

4. Subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly, the Minister may make regulations for all or any of the matters following:

- (a) (i) the persons who shall be permitted to use,
- (ii) the vessels which may be permitted to use,
- (iii) the manner in which vessels shall approach, lie alongside, and depart from,
- (iv) the manner in which passengers shall land and embark at,
- (v) the manner in which cargo may be loaded and discharged at,
- (vi) the tolls or other payments to be made by any person or vessel using,

any government wharf;

- (b) the safety and preservation of the structure of any government wharf, and the prevention of collisions, and other accidents on it, or in its vicinity; and
- (c) generally, to provide for the management, control, and regulation of government wharves, and for the safety and convenience of persons and vessels using them.

Enforcement.  
[7 of 1998]

4A. (1) Notwithstanding any provision in this Act and in any subsidiary legislation made thereunder, it shall be the duty of the Director and the Maritime Administration Department to enforce or cause to be enforced the provisions

thereof and a reference therein to an officer or body shall accordingly be construed as a reference to the "Director" and the "Maritime Administration Department", respectively.

(2) In this Act the words "Director" and "Maritime Administration Department" have the same meaning assigned to those words in sections 2 and 4, respectively of the Guyana Shipping Act.

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### SCHEDULE

The WHARVES situated at the following places:

#### COUNTY OF BERBICE.

Springlands.

Right Bank Canje River.

New Amsterdam (New Amsterdam Ferry Terminal).

Stanleytown, New Amsterdam.

Torani, Right Bank Berbice River.

Schepmoed, East Bank Berbice (Launch Stelling).

Mara, Right Bank Berbice River (Launch Stelling).

Ida Sabina, Right Bank Berbice River (Launch Stelling).

Ebini, Right Bank Berbice River.

Blairmont.

Rosignol, West Coast Berbice (Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply Wharf).

Rosignol, West Coast Berbice (Rosignol Ferry Terminal).

#### COUNTY OF DEMERARA

Left Bank, Mahaica River, West of Public Road.

Kingston, Georgetown (Forestry Department Wharf).

Kingston, Georgetown (Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply Wharf).

Cummingsburg, Georgetown (Goods Department) (Transport

and Harbours Department Wharf).  
Georgetown, (Georgetown Ferry Terminal).  
Stabroek, Georgetown (Customs Boat House).  
Charlestown, Georgetown.  
Ruimveldt, Georgetown.  
Timehri, East Bank Demerara.  
Vreed-en-Hoop (Vreed-en-Hoop Ferry Terminal).  
Vreed-en-Hoop (Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply Ramp).

## COUNTY OF ESSEQUIBO

Parika.  
Outfall Channel, Parika Main Drain, Parika (Ramp).  
Doornhaag, Leguan Island (Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply Launch Stelling).  
Leguan Island (Transport and Harbours Department Wharf).  
Hogg Island.  
Fredericksburg, Wakenaam Island (Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply Launch Stelling).  
Good Success, Wakenaam Island (Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply Ramp).  
Wakenaam Island (Transport and Harbours Department Wharf).  
Riverstown, Essequibo Coast (Ramp).  
Adventure.  
Charity.  
Fort Island.  
Makouria Quarry, Right Bank Essequibo River (stone loading) Makouria Quarry, Right Bank Essequibo River (passenger service).  
Mazaruni Dockyard.  
Bartica.  
Taperu Quarry, Right Bank Essequibo River.  
Morawhanna.  
Kumaka.

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## SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

R. 20/2/1920  
4 of 1972

**TRAFFIC ON GOVERNMENT WHARVES  
REGULATIONS**

*made under section 4*

- Citation.                    1. These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic on Government Wharves Regulations.
- Use of certain wharves.                    2. No vessel or craft except the steamer or craft of the Government shall be allowed to use the Government Steamer Wharf, Demerara, or East or West ferry wharves, Demerara River.
- Permission required.                    3. No vessel or craft shall be permitted to use any Government wharf at which Government Steamers call, unless permission shall have been previously obtained from the Management of the Government Steamers, except in the case of accidents, loss of life, or perils of the sea.
- Cargo.                    4. All cargo while lying on the wharf shall be so packed as to cause no obstruction to traffic.
- Securing of vessels etc.                    5. No vessel or craft shall be made fast to the handrails or any part of a wharf except the bollards provided for that purpose.
- Wharf to be cleaned.                    6. Any person using a wharf for the purpose of shipping or landing cargo or animals shall properly clean the wharf after so using it.
- Penalties.                    7. Any person committing a breach of any of these regulations, shall be liable to a fine of seventy-five dollars.

Reg. 4/1962

**GOVERNMENT WHARVES (CHARGES)  
REGULATIONS**

*made under section 4*

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Government Wharves (Charges) Regulations.

Charges.

2. The charges set forth in the First Schedule shall be paid to the Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply by the owner or master of any vessel, other than a government-owned vessel, loading or discharging any material or merchandise at any of the government wharves set forth in the Second Schedule which has not been transported by, or is not to be transported or lifted by, the services of the Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply.



**FIRST SCHEDULE**

| Description of cargo   | Charge per ton<br>of cargo loaded<br>of discharged |
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| (a) Construction materials including boulder stone, crushed stone and other quarry products, sand, cement and timber, for the use of the Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply or any other Government Department | 10c.   |
| (b) Materials as described above for the use of local authorities, municipalities and quasi-government bodies  | 25c.   |



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(c) Materials of any description  
whatever for the use of any other  
person

50c.

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**SECOND SCHEDULE**

The WHARVES situated at the following places:

COUNTY OF BERBICE

Springlands.  
Torani, Right Bank Berbice River.

COUNTY OF DEMERARA

Kingston, Georgetown (Forestry Department Wharf).  
Kingston, Georgetown (Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and  
Supply Wharf).  
Ruimveldt, Georgetown.  
Timehri, East Bank Demerara.

COUNTY OF ESSEQUIBO

Makouria Quarry, Right Bank Essequibo River (passenger  
service).

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Reg. 4/1964

**GOVERNMENT WHARVES (CHARGES) REGULATIONS**

*made under section 4*

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Government

Wharves (Charges) Regulations.

Charges.

2. The charges set forth in the First Schedule shall be paid to the Transport and Harbours Department by the owner or master of any vessel berthing and loading or discharging any material or merchandise at any of the government wharves set forth in the Second Schedule which has not been transported by, or is not to be transported or lifted by, the services of the Transport and Harbours Department.

Permission.

3. No government wharf set forth in the Second Schedule may be used for the berthing of any vessel or for the loading or discharging of any material or merchandise without the permission of the General Manager of the Transport and Harbours Department. Such permission shall be subject to the user giving way to vessels of the Transport and Harbours Department.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

|  | WHARFAGE                             |                        |                         |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Berthing Fee per day or part thereof | Local produce per ton. | Imported cargo per ton. |
| (a) Steam or motor vessel exceeding 300 tons gross tonnage                 | \$24.00                              | .50c                   | \$3.00                  |
| (b) Steam or motor vessel or schooner not exceeding 300 tons gross tonnage | \$5.00                               | .50c                   | \$3.00                  |
| (c) Craft not comprised in (a) and (b)                                     | \$1.00                               | .50c                   | \$3.00                  |

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## SECOND SCHEDULE

The WHARVES situated at the following places:

### COUNTY OF BERBICE

New Amsterdam (New Amsterdam Ferry Terminal).  
Stanleytown, New Amsterdam.  
Blairmont.  
Rosignol, (Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply Wharf).  
Rosignol, West Coast Berbice (Rosignol Ferry Terminal).

### COUNTY OF DEMERARA

Cummingsburg, Georgetown (Goods Department) (Transport and  
Harbours Department Wharf).  
Georgetown (Georgetown Ferry Terminal)  
Vreed-en-Hoop (Ministry of Works, Hydraulics and Supply  
Ramp). Vreed-en-Hoop (Vreed-en-Hoop Ferry Terminal).

### COUNTY OF ESSEQUIBO

Parika.  
Leguan Island (Transport and Harbours Department Wharf).  
Hogg Island.  
Good Success, Wakenaam Island (Ministry of Works,  
Hydraulics and  
Supply Ramp).  
Adventure.  
Charity.  
Fort Island.  
Bartica.  
Morawhanna.  
Kumaka.

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Reg. 5/1962  
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**THE GOVERNMENT WHARVES (PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT) REGULATIONS.**

*made under section 4*

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Government Wharves (Public Works Department) Regulations.

Permission.

2. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in any law, no vessel or craft shall be permitted to use any government wharf, under the control of the Public Works Department, unless permission shall have been previously obtained from the Chief Works and Hydraulics Officer or his duly authorised officer, except in the case of accidents, loss of life or perils at sea. Any permission granted in accordance with these Rules shall be subject to the user giving way to vessels and craft of the Public Works Department.

Cargo.

3. All cargo lying on any such wharf or its approaches shall be so packed as to cause no obstruction to traffic or to cause no damage to the superstructure or substructure of the said wharf.

Securing  
vessels etc.

4. No vessel or craft shall be made fast to any part of any such wharf except to the bollards provided for that purpose.

Discharging  
cargo.

5. No vessel shall lie alongside at or discharge cargo on any portion of any such wharf other than that appointed by the Chief Works and Hydraulics Officer or his duly authorised representative.

Removal of  
cargo.

6. All cargo discharged on any such wharf shall be removed immediately upon request of the Chief Works and Hydraulics Officer or his duly authorised representative by the person to whom such cargo is consigned or his agent.

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*The Government Wharves (Public Works Department) Regulations*

Penalties.  
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7. Any person committing a breach of any of these Regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of seventy-five dollars.

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