# Please read carefully

# EMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PASSENGERS TRAVELLING BY H.M.T. ASTURIAS

 The following embarkation instructions are for the help and guidance of passengers.

SOUTHAMPTON. Boat trains will leave Waterloo Station (London) for Southampton Docks on the day of sailing.

Particulars of embarkation will be sent as soon as they are known, together with the times of the Boat trains, and information regarding the forwarding of mail to the steamer en route. Passengers not travelling by the Boat trains will be advised the times they must be ready to embark.

- 2. Passengers will be well advised, in their own interests and those of their friends, to dissuade them from going to the Docks. Owing to the Currency Regulations friends cannot mingle with passengers once the latter have passed the Immigration Officers, and under no circumstances can friends go on board the steamer. Seats will be available on the Boat trains for passengers only.
- 3. BAGGAGE. Quantity and Description. Passengers are allowed 20 cu. ft. free of charge for each adult with a proportionate amount for each child. For quantities in excess of this measurement, 5s. 6d. per cu. ft. will be charged and collected by the Purser on board. Baggage must be restricted to the passengers' personal effects although, as the ship does not carry cargo, a certain amount of household effects, such as linen, china, etc., will be allowed to be taken as baggage. It must be realised, however, that this may result in the total amount of baggage exceeding the free allowance. thus making the passenger liable to the payment of excess charges. Other household effects, for example, furniture, pianos, radiograms, electric cookers, etc., and all merchandise must be shipped as cargo by a cargo vessel. Arrangements for this can be made through Anderson, Green & Co., Ltd., Managers of the Orient Line, who, as agents, will attend to the shipment for the passenger. Passengers should make these arrangements in good time before they sail so that the necessary Customs formalities may be completed before they leave the United Kingdom.

Passengers may only take a limited quantity as "Cabin" baggage and are advised, therefore, to confine this to one or two suitcases or one small cabin trunk, containing sufficient clothing for the voyage. There is limited space in the ship's Baggage Rooms and passengers are requested to label "Wanted only those packages which contain articles they know they will require during the voyage. Baggage stowed in the Hold will not be available during the voyage.

Bicycles, motor-cycles and tricycles or parts thereof (which must be strongly crated or cased) may be sent for shipment with passengers' baggage and will be charged at the following rates:—

Measurement not exceeding 15 cu. ft. 55s. each package. Measurement over 15 cu. ft. but not exceeding 25 cu. ft. 100s. each package.

Any measurement in excess of 25 cu. ft. 5s. 6d. for each successive cu. ft.

Before motor-cycles are despatched application must be made to one of the Orient Line Offices for a form of declaration to be completed by the passenger.

Children's unpacked perambulators are carried free of charge and should bear a cabin label. They may be available on deck at the Ship's discretion.

Delivery to Steamer. For the convenience of passengers, baggage may be taken to Waterloo Station between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on either of the two days prior to the date of embarkation except Sunday. It should be passed through the Luggage Hall for loading into special vans. Passengers or their representatives must produce their rail tickets or warrants at Waterloo Station and pay any excess charges on their baggage before it can be loaded on the vans. It is the responsibility of passengers depositing baggage in the Cloak Room to withdraw it and pass it through the Luggage Hall in accordance with the above conditions.

It is emphasised that baggage can only be accepted at Waterloo Station if taken personally by passengers or their representatives and their rail tickets produced. Baggage should not be sent to Waterloo in advance by rail or by other carrier.

For the benefit of passengers in the Provinces or others who are unable to have their baggage taken to Waterloo, baggage may be sent in advance to Southampton. Such baggage must be consigned to the ship in Southampton Docks, via Southampton Terminus Station. The Railway Executive, Southern Region, Southampton are willing to accept delivery of such baggage at any time up to three days before the day of embarkation, and passengers should endeavour to obtain an assurance from their carrier that their baggage will reach Southampton Terminus Station by this time. Carriage must in all cases be prepaid, and, if forwarded by rail, baggage should be sent by Passenger train.

It is pointed out that arrangements for the forwarding of baggage to the ship are passengers' own responsibility and that baggage so forwarded is at passengers' risk and expense.

Labelling. Baggage must be clearly marked with the owner's name, and labelled whether for "CABIN," "WANTED" or "HOLD."

Baggage sent in advance to Southampton must be labelled as follows:--

#### H.M.T. Asturias,

### Southampton Docks.

via Southampton Terminus Station.

Customs Examination. Every package is liable to examination by H.M. Customs, and if passengers are in any doubt as to whether there are articles in their baggage the export of which would be contrary to the Board of Trade regulations, they are recommended to enquire from the Board of Trade, at Regis House, King William Street, London, E.C.4.

Passengers' light hand baggage, which accompanies them to the steamer, will be examined by H.M. Customs at the time of embarkation and passengers should have their keys available.

Any baggage sent in advance which the Customs Authorities decide to examine will be retained for examination in the presence of the passenger on the day of embarkation. Therefore, when arriving in the Customs Examination Hall on the day of embarkation passengers should look under the initial letter of their name to see whether there is any baggage belonging to them requiring examination by a Customs Officer.

Prohibited articles for which an Export Licence has been obtained MUST NOT be packed in baggage sent in advance but should be contained in the hand packages passengers bring with them so that they can declare them personally to the Customs Officers when the Licence should be produced for cancellation.

4. PASSPORTS, etc. Passengers travelling to Australia under a Special Government Scheme, who have been issued with a "Document of Identity" by the Commonwealth Government, will not require Passports. Other passengers must possess an up-to-date Passport valid for the country of destination.

Passport offices are at the following addresses :-

LONDON ... 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings,

Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

LIVERPOOL ... Exchange Flags, Liverpool, 2.

GLASGOW ... 10, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, C.2.

Alternatively applicants can obtain the necessary application forms, receive guidance in completing their applications, and hand over the applications with any fees payable, at the nearest Employment Exchange or Resettlement Advice Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

5. EMBARKATION INSPECTION. Passports and Documents of Identity will be examined by Orient Line officials either on the Boat train or at the port of embarkation.

Passage Tickets must be produced to Orient Line Officials at Southampton, when embarkation cards will be issued.

H.M. Immigration Officers will require all passengers when embarking to produce :--

- (a) Passports or Documents of Identity.
- (b) Ration Book.
- (c) National Identity Card.
- (d) Certificate "C" for currency, when possessed. (See Paragraph 6—Export of Currency.)
- (e) Embarkation Cards.

The Embarkation Cards, which will be stamped by the Immigration officer, must be produced at the time of embarkation to the official at the foot of the gangway. Passengers are warned that they are not permitted to return to shore once they have embarked.

6. EXPORT OF CURRENCY. The latest information at the time of printing is given below. Passengers are advised to ensure that there have been no more recent alterations made by the Treasury. By Treasury Orders passengers are NOT allowed to take with them more than £6, consisting of £5 in U.K. currency notes (comprised of £5, £1 or 10s. notes), and £1 in silver. In addition they may take up to the equivalent of £10 Sterling in Australian or other Sterling Area Currency Notes (except U.K.) making a combined total equal to £16 Sterling. The Sterling Notes are intended for use by the passenger on board British ships, or on his return to this country, and they may not be spent at ports abroad whether in the Sterling Area or otherwise.

Passengers who are likely to require more than £5 during the voyage for payment of Baggage Accounts and other incidental expenses incurred during the voyage should provide themselves with Sterling Travellers Cheques or Letters of Credit, which will be cashed on board for a reasonable amount in £1 and 10s. notes, provided the Purser has sufficient money available. Passengers should avoid encashing more than they need for spending on board, as Australian Government Regulations do not permit passengers on landing to have more than £5 each in U.K. Currency notes in their possession. Passengers wishing to take with them a larger amount of money or any Securities, etc., should apply to their Bankers for the necessary Certificate "C" and further information.

Passengers whose savings are in the Post Office Savings Bank can arrange to have their deposits transferred to the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia. Depositors should apply to the Director of Savings, Savings Bank Division, Blythe Road, Kensington, London W.14, for Form S.B.14C, and return the form together with their Savings Bank Book to him. If for any reason the depositor has not time to obtain one of these forms, he may send a letter to the Director asking for the transfer of his account, and at the same time send his Bank Book. A new Bank Book will be issued in Australia. If possible the Australian address should be furnished on the transfer forms or in the letter of application, as this will facilitate the completion of the transfer in Australia. Passengers who have not an account with the Post Office Savings Bank or with an ordinary commercial Bank and who have cash which they want to transfer to Australia in excess of the Australian equivalent of £10 Sterling which they are allowed to take with them, may, if the amount is not more than £200, hand it to the Orient Line at 14 Cockspur Street, S.W.1, 9 Kingsway, W.C.2 or 11 Bishopsgate, E.C.2. The Orient Line will issue a receipt for any such deposit and will arrange for its transfer to Australia so that the passenger may draw it after his arrival there.

- 7. NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES. Holders of National Saving Certificates may take their Certificates to Australia if they wish to do so, and obtain repayment in Australia through the medium of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. When the holder of Certificates, living in Australia, desires repayment of his Savings Certificates he should send a letter to the Post Office Savings Department, Savings Certificate Division, Somerset Street, London, W.I. stating that he desires repayment, giving a list of the Certificates to be repaid with their serial numbers, and steps will be taken to arrange repayment. If the holder has left his Certificates in this Country they should be forwarded to the above address with the letter, but if the holder has them with him in Australia they may be retained and surrendered at the time of repayment.
- 8. CONTROL OF EXPORTS. The Export from the United Kingdom, i.e., Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of many Personal and Household Effects is Prohibited except under licence from the Board of Trade, Export Licensing Branch, Regis House, King William Street, London, E.C.4.

As a concession, licences are not required for reasonable quantities of bona-fide personal effects (and household effects upon transfer of residence) exported by passengers provided that the goods are declared and produced to the Customs Officer and that they are not being exported as merchandise or for sale.

For the purpose of this concession, "personal effects" means any portable articles exported in the baggage or on the person of a passenger which he might reasonably be expected to carry with him for his own regular and private use. The concession does not cover goods carried on behalf of other persons

- VALUABLES. (a) United Kingdom residents visiting or emigrating to the sterling area direct may take with them personal valuables up to a value of £2,000.
- (b) United Kingdom residents visiting places outside the sterling area may take certain personal effects normally carried by passengers, e.g., a wedding ring, engagement ring and one used fur coat, and a few articles of small value. Emigrants to such places may include in their baggage personal or household valuables to a value of £200.
- (c) Visitors to the United Kingdom may take out with them personal valuables brought in with them or purchased out of their own currency.
- 9. MEDICAL ATTENDANCE. If any professional services are rendered by the Ship's Surgeon, payment should be made to him on board, on presentation of his account on the scale authorised by the Owners.

Free Medical Attention under the National Health Scheme does not apply outside the United Kingdom.

- 10. INSURANCE. Passengers are reminded that their Baggage is carried entirely at their own risk and that the ship is not responsible for loss or damage from any cause. Passengers are therefore strongly recommended to insure their baggage under the enclosed proposal form, which has been specially arranged with the Marine and General Mutual Life Assurance Society, and provides for settlement of claims at Orient Line Offices at port of arrival, thus saving passengers much delay and trouble.
- 11. CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Passengers are asked to advise the Company or their Agents of any alterations in their addresses prior to embarkation, at the same time stating the name of the steamer in which they are travelling.

Managers: - ANDERSON, GREEN & CO., LTD.

7 and 11 BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, E.C.2

Tel.: Mansion House 3456

CHIEF PASSENGER OFFICE :

Tel.: Trafalgar 7141

9 KINGSWAY, W.C.2

14 COCKSPUR STREET, S.W.1

Branch Passenger Office :

Tel.: Temple Bar 2258

## AGENTS AT SOUTHAMPTON:

ESCOMBE, McGRATH & CO. LTD., Canute Chambers, Canute Road, Southampton. Tel.: Southampton 2554.

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