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RULES GOVERNING BUSINESS CONTACT BETWEEN
NAVAL MINISTRY AND NAVAL GENERAL STAFF (EXCERPT)

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- Art. 1. The rules below provided govern the manner in which affairs will be dealt with that are interrelated between the Naval Ministry and the Naval General Staff.
- Art. 2. When the Imperial Supreme Headquarters is not established though the nation is at war, interrelated affairs will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Wartime Imperial Supreme Headquarters Service Regulations besides the Rules herein provided.
- Art. 3. As regards the scale of military strength the Chief of the Naval General Staff will make a draft and seek the decision or approval of the throne after negotiation with the Minister of the Navy.
- Art. 4. As for the following matters, the Chief of the Naval General Staff will make a draft, conduct negotiations with the Minister of the Navy, seek the Imperial sanction, and then transmit them to related Imperial armed forces as well as as notifying the Minister of the Navy. In case the Minister of the Navy sees some necessity regarding the despatch of naval forces, he will propose negotiations with the Chief of the Naval General Staff in that connection.
- a. The strategical despatch of armed forces, and the duties and movements thereof.

- b. The tactical and strategical duties and movements of fleets.
- c. The despatch of armed forces for protective purposes overseas, and the strategical and tactical duties and movements thereof.

Art. 5. As for the following matters, the Chief of the Naval General Staff will make a draft, conduct negotiations with the Minister of the Navy, seek the Imperial sanction, and then transmit them to appropriate quarters as well as notifying the Minister of the Navy:

- a. Order of Battle in time of war.
- b. Military manoeuvres and exercises, both major and minor.
- c. The basic models and principles on tactics and logistics for the use of naval forces at war.

Art. 6. Concerning the following matters, the Chief of the Naval General Staff will make a draft, conduct negotiations with the Minister of the Navy, seek the Imperial sanction, and then transfer them to the Minister of the Navy, who will in turn put them into execution:

- a. Peacetime organization of fleets and flying units.
- b. Organizations of destroyer flotillas, submarine flotillas, torpedo-boat units, minesweeper divisions, flying units, landing parties, etc.

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- c. Regulations governing the Fleet Manoeuvres; and the Regulations governing the Naval Manoeuvres.
- d. The Rules governing the Succession of Military Command and like matters.

Art. 7. As for the following matters, the Minister of the Navy will make a draft, conduct negotiations with the Chief of the Naval General Staff, and put them into execution; in the case of matters which require the Imperial sanction, the Chief of the Naval General Staff shall seek it on them and transfer them to the Minister of the Navy for execution. In spite of the above the Chief of the Naval General Staff shall propose the negotiation to the Minister of the Navy when he sees the necessity:

- a. Despatch of naval forces, and the duties and movements thereof, excepting those provided for in Article 4 above.
- b. The commissioning of naval combat vessels, and the change of service status thereof.
- c. The administrative allocation of naval combat vessels among various naval stations regarding the maintenance and manning thereof.

Art. 8. As for the following matters, the Minister of the Navy will make a draft, conduct negotiations with the Chief of the Naval General Staff, seek the Imperial sanction when

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necessary, and put them into execution; but the Chief of the Naval General Staff will propose the negotiation to the minister of the navy when he sees the necessity:

- a. The establishment of the permanent organization of naval forces and schools, and the fixing of the standard personnel thereof.
- b. The appointment of staff officers.
- c. Standard instructions and rules concerning the exercise of naval arts, and the handling of weapons.

Art. 9. Concerning specially ordered inspections the Chief of the Naval General Staff will conduct negotiations with the Minister of the Navy, and the Minister of the Navy will seek the Imperial sanction concerning them.

Art. 10. As for the various important establishment relating to the strengthening of naval armament, to the preparation for war, and to the national defense and to the use of armed forces, the Chief of the Naval General Staff will conduct negotiations with the Minister of the Navy.

Art. 11. As for the following matters, the Chief of the Naval General Staff will make a draft and transfer it to the Minister of the Navy:

- a. The Various Regulations concerning Wartime Communications and the Witness Communication Regulations.

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b. Secret Code Books, Signal Code Books, etc.

Art. 12. As for the necessary expenditures for the various important establishments relating to the strengthening of naval armament, to the preparations for war, to the national defense and to the use of armed forces, consultation will be made by the Ministry of the Navy with the Naval General Staff.

Art. 13. As for matters affecting the strength of armed forces such as the installation of ships' armament and selections of types thereof and important establishments on land and sea, and as for matters concerning important research and experiment on the above, consultation will be made between the Ministry of the Navy and the Naval General Staff.

Art. 14. As for the reports and the like materials related to education and training, to research and experiment, and to important missions, investigations will be made jointly by the Ministry of the Navy and the Naval General Staff.

Art. 15. After consultation with the Chief of the Naval General Staff, the Minister of the Navy will give instructions on administrative matters to the naval attaches and assistant naval attaches detailed to the Japanese embassies and legations abroad.

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Art. 16. As for matters involving monetary expenditure such as the intelligence service, fleet manoeuvres, operations of naval vessels, or the compilation of books, the Chief of the Naval General Staff will draw up a plan and institute negotiations with the Minister of the Navy.

Art. 17. As for the matters concerning discipline and morals, education and training, and other important military affairs and various regulations related to the national defense and the use of armed forces, in addition to those provided in the various articles stated above, the Minister of the Navy will keep close contact with the Chief of the Naval General Staff.

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