

**THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS IN  
INLAND NAVIGABLE WATER-WAYS RULES, 1973**

2. *In these Rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:*

- (i) "Inland navigable waterways" means and includes-
    - (a) all rivers and canals where vessels can ply during any part of a year;
    - (b) any lake, haor, beel or any other expanse part of the year;
    - (c) shores of the above mentioned waterways;
    - (d) inland river ports, landing ghats and terminals maintained and operated by the Authority on any of the above mentioned waterways.
  - (ii) "Obstruction" means any impediment to the use of inland navigable waterways by any means.
  - (iii) "Vessels" means and includes anything made for the conveyance by water of human being or of property.
  - (iv) "Wreck" means and includes the following when found in the inland navigable waterways or on the shore thereof:
    - (a) goods which have been cast into the waterways and then sink and remain under water;
    - (b) goods which have been cast or fall into the waterways and remain floating on the surface;
    - (c) goods which are sunk in the waterways, but are attached to a floating object in order that they may be found again;
    - (d) goods which are thrown away or abandoned;
    - (e) a vessel abandoned without hope or intention of recovery.
3. If any wreck or obstruction is found or reported in any inland navigable waterways so as to impede, or likely to impede navigation, the Authority may cause the wreck or obstruction to be raised, removed or destroyed.
4. (i) The Chairman may himself or through any person appointed by him in that behalf take possession of any wreck.
11. (i) The Authority may cause to be removed and destroyed any obstruction on any inland navigable waterway.

(ii) In removing and destroying obstruction public notice is required to be issued.