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Adoption of Metric System of Weights and Measures.

During the past month several news items appeared in the daily press which make it appear that the Ministers of Finance and Industry are seriously concerned with the immediate adoption of the metric system of weights and measures.

The Chinese Maritime Customs Service has not yet been instructed to adopt the metric system nor has the Salt Administration. These two important government services would, it would seem, be obliged to put this system into effect in the event it was really being seriously considered in other directions.

1. All registered private motor vehicles (including private cars, trucks and motorcycles) may use free of any tolls or local charges all the private and public roads in the provinces of Jiangsu, Anhui and Hubei.

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2. Trade cars passing through the private or the public roads of which franchise has been granted to the private companies shall pay the tolls or local charges and may use freely those important lines which are administered by the International Traffic Commission.

3. Motorized medical provision buses shall be permitted to use the main stations along all the roads before the 15th of July.

4. Automobiles and fire trucks may still be entitled to have the preference right to use the ferry service.

5. The Jiangsu Provincial Department of Construction shall be advised to consider the hiring of motor ferry to relieve the ferry congestion during the peak season before the completion of the new ferry (motorized) boats.

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