

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances for Passenger Ships of Classes III to VI (A)) Regulations 1992

PART II

Ships of Class III

5.—(1) This regulation applies to ships of Class III.

(2) Every ship to which this regulation applies shall carry the life-saving appliances specified in Column 4 of the capacity specified in column 5 in relation to a ship specified in columns 1 to 3 of the following table:

	(1) <i>Type of Ship</i>	(2) <i>Number of Passengers ship is certified to carry</i>	(3) <i>Standard of survivability ship complies with</i>	(4) <i>Life Saving Appliances</i>	(5) <i>Minimum aggregate percentage of LSA for the total number of persons the ship is certified to carry.</i>
i	New Passenger Ship	Up to 250	Table 1, (1) (one compartment standard)	Lifeboats, Liferrafts or Open Reversible Liferrafts	110
ii	New Passenger Ship	More than 250	Table 1, (2), (two compartment standard)	Lifeboats, Liferrafts or Open Reversible Liferrafts	110
iii	Existing passenger ship	Up to 250	Table 2, (1) (one compartment standard)	Lifeboat, Liferrafts or Open Reversible Liferrafts	110
iv	Existing Passenger Ship	More than 250	Table 2, (2) (two compartment standard)	Lifeboats, Liferrafts or Open	110

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v	Existing Passenger Ship	More than 250	Table 2, (3) (one compartment standard)	Reversible Liferrafts Lifeboats, Liferrafts or Open Reversible Liferrafts	125

(3) At least one rescue boat or inflated boat shall be provided. The number of lifeboats, rescue boats or inflated boats are to be sufficient to ensure that in providing for abandonment by the total number of persons the ship is certified to carry, not more than nine liferafts or open reversible liferafts need to be marshalled by each lifeboat or rescue boat or inflatable boat.

(4) The liferafts shall, as far as practicable, be equally distributed on each side of the ship.

(5) The lifeboats required by paragraph (2) to be carried and the rescue boat or inflated boat required by paragraph (3) to be carried shall be served by their own launching appliances capable of launching and recovery.

(6) Suitable arrangements shall be provided onboard for the recovery of persons from the water. The rescue boat or inflatable boat carried in accordance with paragraph (3) shall be taken as compliance with this requirement.

(7) Every such ship shall carry:

- (a) at least 3 waterproofed two-way radiotelephone sets;
- (b) a float-free satellite EPIRB;
- (c) at least 8 lifebuoys. At least one lifebuoy on each side of the ship shall be fitted with a buoyant lifeline. Two lifebuoys shall be provided with self-activating smoke signals and be capable of quick release from the navigating bridge;
- (d) for each person the ship is certified to carry a lifejacket suitable for a person weighing 32 kg or more; and a lifejacket suitable for a person weighing less than 32 kg for each such person on board;
- (e) not less than 12 rocket parachute flares; and
- (f) a line-throwing appliance.

(8) Included in the number of lifejackets required by paragraph (7)(d) to be carried there shall be at least sufficient inflatable lifejackets for the crew of the rescue boat or inflated boat.

(9) Every such ship shall be provided with:

- (a) a general emergency alarm system;
- (b) posters or signs showing operating instructions on or in the vicinity of the lifeboats, rescue boat, inflated boat and liferafts, and their launching arrangements;
- (c) a training manual;

- (d) instructions for on-board maintenance of life-saving appliances or a shipboard planned maintenance programme which includes the maintenance of life-saving appliances; and
- (e) on the bridge, a copy of the table “Life-Saving Signals and Rescue Methods, SOLAS No 1” published by the Department of Transport.