

SCHEDULE 4

LIFERAFTS

PART I

INFLATABLE LIFERAFTS

(SOLAS)

Construction

2.5 The liferaft shall have a canopy to protect the occupants from exposure which is automatically set in place when the liferaft is launched and waterborne. The canopy shall comply with the following:

(2.5.1) it shall provide insulation against heat and cold by means of either two layers of material separated by an air gap or other equally efficient means; means shall be provided to prevent accumulation of water in the air gap;;

(2.5.2) its interior shall be of a colour that does not cause discomfort to the occupants;

(2.5.3) each entrance shall be clearly indicated and be provided with efficient adjustable closing arrangements which can be easily and quickly opened from inside and outside the liferaft so as to permit ventilation but exclude seawater, wind and cold; liferafts accommodating more than eight persons shall have at least two diametrically opposite entrances;

(2.5.4) it shall admit sufficient air for the occupants at all times, even with the entrances closed;

(2.5.5) it shall be provided with at least one viewing port in liferafts accommodating up to 25 persons and at least two diametrically opposite viewing ports in liferafts accommodat ing more than 25 persons;

(2.5.6) it shall be provided with means of collecting rain water;

(2.5.7) it shall have sufficient headroom for seated occupants under all parts of the canopy.