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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship  
Construction) Regulations 1997**

**PART V**

**DAMAGE CONTROL IN DRY CARGO SHIPS**

**Requirements for dry cargo ships constructed on or after 1st February 1992**

**20.**—(1) There shall be permanently exhibited or readily available on the navigating bridge, for the guidance of the officer in charge of the ship, a plan showing clearly for each deck and hold, the boundaries of the watertight compartments, the openings therein with the means of closure and position of any controls thereof, and the arrangements for the correction of any list due to flooding. In addition, booklets containing this information shall be made available to the officers of the ship.

(2) Indicators shall be provided on the navigating bridge for all sliding doors and for hinged doors in watertight bulkheads to show whether these doors are open or closed. In addition, shell doors and other openings which, in the opinion of the Certifying Authority, could lead to major flooding if left open or not properly secured, shall also be provided with such indicators.

(3) The booklet referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain general precautions being a listing of equipment, conditions and operational procedures, considered by the Certifying Authority to be necessary to maintain watertight integrity under normal ship operations.

(4) The booklet referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain specific precautions being a listing of elements (such as closures, security of cargo, sounding of alarms), considered by the Certifying Authority to be vital to the survival of the ship and its crew.