
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction:
Ships of Classes III to VI(A)) Regulations 1998**

PART IX

MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS

Guardrails and stanchions

63.—(1) In every ship bulwarks or guard rails shall be provided on every exposed deck to which any passenger or vehicles may have access. Such bulwarks or guard rails, together with stanchions supporting the guard rails shall be so placed, designed and constructed, and in particular shall be of such a height above the deck as to prevent any passenger who may have access to that deck or any vehicle from accidentally falling therefrom. Any freeing ports fitted in such a bulwark shall be covered by a grid or bars which will prevent any person from falling through the port.

(2) In every open ship of Class V, VI or VI(A) every wash strake, covering board and coaming shall be so placed, designed and constructed and shall be of such a height above the floorboards as to prevent any person from accidentally falling overboard.

Anchor handling equipment, anchors and chain cables

64. Every ship shall be provided with anchor handling equipment, together with such anchors and chain cables as are sufficient in number, weight and strength, having regard to size and intended service to the ship. This equipment shall be tested and certified by the Certifying Authority.

Hawsers and warps

65. Every ship shall be provided with such hawsers and warps as are sufficient in number and strength, having regard to the size and intended service of the ship.

Gas welding, flame cutting and domestic fuel installations

66. In every ship constructed on or after 1st September 1984 every gas welding, flame cutting or domestic gaseous fuel installation shall be designed, constructed and installed so that the safety of the ship and of the persons on board is not impaired.

The use of asbestos

67. In every ship constructed on or after 1st September 1984 asbestos or any material containing asbestos shall not be installed in any part of the ship.