

SCHEDULE 10

REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFEBOUYS

Rule 87

PART I

1. Every liferaft shall be constructed of cork, evenly formed and securely plugged, or of other equally efficient buoyant material which shall not be adversely affected by oil or oil products, and shall be capable of floating in fresh water for at least 24 hours with 14·5 kilogrammes of iron suspended from it.

2. Every lifebuoy made of plastic or other synthetic compounds shall be capable of retaining its buoyant properties and durability in contact with sea water or oil products, or under variation of temperature or climatic changes prevailing in open sea voyages.

3. A lifebuoy shall not be filled with rushes, cork shavings, granulated cork or any other loose granulated material, and its buoyancy shall not depend upon air compartments which require to be inflated.

4. The inside diameter of a lifebuoy shall be 455 millimetres and the outside diameter 760 millimetres. The major axis of the section shall be 150 millimetres. The minor axis of the section shall be 100 millimetres.

5. Every lifebuoy shall be of a highly visible colour.

6. Every lifebuoy shall be marked in block letters with both the name and the port of registry or the fishing number of the vessel in which it is carried. Lifebuoys constructed of materials other than cork shall be permanently marked with the manufacturer's trade name for that product.

7. Every lifebuoy shall be fitted with grab lines which shall be of good quality unkinkable line and well secured at four equidistant points providing four loops of line each not less than 700 millimetres long.

8. The weight of a lifebuoy shall not exceed 6·15 kilogrammes when newly constructed.

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PART II

1. Every lifebuoy shall be constructed of cork, evenly formed and securely plugged, or of other equally efficient buoyant material which shall not be adversely affected by oil or oil products, and shall be capable of floating in fresh water for at least 24 hours with 10·45 kilogrammes of iron suspended from it.

2. Every lifebuoy made of plastic or other synthetic compounds shall be capable of retaining its buoyant properties and durability in contact with sea water or oil products, or under variation of temperature or climatic changes prevailing in open sea voyages.

3. A lifebuoy shall not be filled with rushes, cork shavings, granulated cork or any loose granulated material, and its buoyancy shall not depend upon air compartments which require to be inflated.

4. The inside diameter of the lifebuoy shall be 355 millimetres and the outside diameter 610 millimetres. The major axis of the section shall be 125 millimetres and the minor axis from 89 to 100 millimetres.

5. Every lifebuoy shall be of a highly visible colour.