
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Pilot
Ladders and Hoists) Regulations 1987**

Provision of pilot ladders, accommodation ladders, hoists and associated equipment.

5.—(1) Every ship of

- (i) Classes, I, II, II(A), VII, VII(T), VII(A), VIII, VIII(T), VIII(A), and VIII(A)(T);
- (ii) Class X where the distance in normal operating conditions, from the water to the point of access to the vessel exceeds 2.5 metres; and
- (iii) Classes III to VI(A) inclusive and of IX, IX(A), IX(A)(T), XI, and XII, when engaged on a voyage during the course of which a pilot is likely to be employed;

shall be provided by the owner with a pilot ladder and associated equipment complying with the requirements of regulation 7(3) to (10) and, when required by regulation 5(2)(b), an accommodation ladder or ladders complying with the requirements of regulation 7(2).

(2) The owner shall ensure that—

- (a) suitable positions are available on each side of the ship to enable the master to comply with the requirements of regulation 7(1) and 7(2);
- (b) in every ship to which paragraph (1) above applies, where the distance from the sea level to the point of access to the ship is more than 9 metres, accommodation ladders sited on each side of the ship, are provided: Provided however that a single accommodation ladder capable of being transferred, or other equally safe and convenient means, may be provided instead.
- (c) all mechanical pilot hoists (hereinafter referred to as “hoists”) if fitted, comply with regulations 8 and 9.