
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection:
Large Ships) Regulations 1998**

PART III

FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE APPLIANCES

SHIPS OTHER THAN PASSENGER SHIPS AND TANKERS

SHIPS OF CLASS VII OF 500 TONS OR OVER

Requirements for ships constructed on or after 25th May 1980

22. Where a fire hazard exists in any machinery space for which no specific provisions for fire-extinguishing are made in regulations 20 and 21 there shall be provided in, or adjacent to that space sufficient number of portable fire extinguishers to ensure that at least one extinguisher is not more than 10 metres walking distance from any position within that space unless equivalent means of fire extinction are provided.

Paint lockers etc.

23. In every ship of Class VII of 500 tons or over, every paint locker and flammable liquid locker shall be protected by an approved fire-extinguishing system.

Fire detection and fire alarm systems and sample extraction smoke detection systems

24.—(1) Every ship of Class VII of 500 tons or over shall be provided with a fixed fire detection and fire alarm system of an approved type complying with the requirements of Schedule 5 in Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1666 in any machinery space where the installation of automatic and remote control systems and equipment has been approved in lieu of continuous manning of the space.