
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 2723

The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances For Passenger Ships Of Classes III To VI(A)) Regulations 1999

PART IV

STOWAGE AND HANDLING

Stowage of liferafts, lifeboats, rescue boats and inflated boats

- (a) **16.** (1) (a) All liferafts shall be stowed so that they can be released from one position on the ship or alternatively so that the liferafts on each side of the ship can be released from one position on that side.
- (b) Such position or positions shall be in or adjacent to the position from which the ship is steered.
- (c) The stowage and release arrangements shall be such that each liferaft automatically inflates on reaching the water.
- (d) The liferafts shall be suitably stowed in order that they will not interfere with the launching of lifeboats, rescue boats or other liferafts including bowing-in arrangements.
- (2) Liferafts shall be stowed, as far as practicable, in a secure and sheltered position.
 - (a) (3) (a) Every liferaft shall be stowed:
 - (b) with its painter permanently attached to the ship,
 - (c) with a float-free arrangement so that the liferaft floats free and inflates automatically when the ship sinks, and
 - (d) so that the liferaft can be manually released from its securing arrangements.
 - (a) (4) (a) The float-free arrangement shall comply with the requirements of Part 8 of Schedule 4, and shall be capable of being activated in the depths of water in which the ship operates.
 - (b) Where the depth of water is restricted alternative arrangements may be fitted for this float-free capability.
- (5) Lifeboats, rescue boats and inflated boats shall be stowed:
 - (a) in a state of continuous readiness for launching;
 - (b) in a position suitable for launching and recovery; and
 - (c) so that neither they nor their stowage arrangements will interfere with the operation of any liferaft or open reversible liferaft at any other launching station.

Commencement Information

- II** Reg. 16 in force at 29.10.1999, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Stowage of lifebuoys

17.—(1) Lifebuoys shall be so distributed as to be readily available on both sides of the ship and, as far as practicable, on all open decks extending to the ship's side. At least one lifebuoy shall be placed in the vicinity of the stern.

(2) Lifebuoys shall not be permanently secured in any way and shall be so stowed as to be capable of being rapidly cast loose.

(3) Lifebuoys with lights and those with both lights and smoke signals shall, so far as practicable, be equally distributed on both sides of the ship.

Commencement Information

I2 Reg. 17 in force at 29.10.1999, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Stowage of lifejackets

18. Lifejackets shall be so placed as to be readily accessible and their positions shall be clearly indicated.

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 18 in force at 29.10.1999, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Stowage of two-way radio telephone sets

19. Two-way telephone sets for survival craft required to be carried in compliance with these Regulations shall be stowed in a protected and easily accessible position ready to be moved to any survival craft in an emergency.

Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 19 in force at 29.10.1999, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Stowage and packing of pyrotechnic signals

20.—(1) Pyrotechnic signals provided for use on board ship shall be stowed on or near the navigating bridge. In the case of a line-throwing appliance which includes a pistol, the pistol line and rockets together with the means of ignition shall be stowed in a container which provides protection from the weather.

(2) All pyrotechnic signals provided for use on board ships shall be packed in a watertight container. These signals and those provided for use in liferafts shall not be packed in plastic envelopes.

Commencement Information

I5 Reg. 20 in force at 29.10.1999, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Manning of liferafts and rescue boats

21. For every two liferafts carried there shall be at least one crew member trained to supervise the donning of lifejackets and the launching, bousing-in and boarding of the liferafts. There shall be at least two such trained crew members to launch and recover the rescue boat or inflated boat.

Commencement Information

I6 Reg. 21 in force at 29.10.1999, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Retro-reflective material

22. Life-saving appliances shall be fitted with retro-reflective material, and the dimensions and location of the material shall be as specified in Merchant Shipping Notice No. M.1444.

Commencement Information

I7 Reg. 22 in force at 29.10.1999, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances For Passenger Ships Of Classes III To VI(A)) Regulations 1999, PART IV.