
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 bousing-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\(1\)](#)

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, Section 16.