

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

**1999 No. 2723**

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

**PART II**

**SHIPS OF CLASSES III TO VI(A)**

**Ships of Class III**

5.—(1) This regulation applies to ships of Class III.

(2) Every ship shall carry the appliances specified in column (4) of the capacity specified in column (5) in relation to a ship specified in columns (1) to (3) of the following table—

(1) Type of ship	(2) Number of passengers ship is certified to carry	(3) Standard of survivability ship complies with	(4) Life-Saving Appliances (LSA)	(5) Minimum aggregate percentage of LSA for the total number of persons the ship is certified to carry
i New passenger ship	Not more than 250	Table 1, (1) (one-compartment standard)	Lifeboats, liferafts or open reversible liferafts	110
ii New passenger ship	More than 250	Table 1, (2) (two-compartment standard)	Lifeboats, liferafts or open reversible liferafts	110
iii Existing passenger ship	Not more than 250	Table 2, (1) (one-compartment standard)	Lifeboats, liferafts or open reversible liferafts	110
iv Existing passenger ship	More than 250	Table 2, (2) (two-compartment standard)	Lifeboats, liferafts or open reversible liferafts	110
v Existing passenger ship	More than 250	Table 2, (3) (one-compartment standard)	Lifeboats, liferafts or open reversible liferafts	125

(3) At least one rescue boat or inflated boat shall be provided.

(4) The number of lifeboats, rescue boats or inflated boats shall be sufficient to ensure that in providing for abandonment by the total number of persons the ship is certified to carry, not more

than nine liferafts or open reversible liferafts need to be marshalled by each lifeboat or rescue boat or inflated boat.

(5) Lifeboats, liferafts and open reversible liferafts shall, as far as practicable, be equally distributed on each side of the ship.

(6) The lifeboats required by paragraph (2) and the rescue boat or inflated boat required by paragraph (3) shall be served by their own launching appliances and be capable of launching and recovery.

(7) Every ship shall carry–

- (a) at least 3 waterproofed two-way radiotelephone apparatus;
- (b) a satellite EPIRB; and
- (c) at least 8 lifebuoys;
- (d) a lifejacket suitable for a person weighing 32 kilogrammes or more for each such person on board and a lifejacket suitable for a person weighing less than 32 kilogrammes for each such person on board;
- (e) not less than 12 rocket parachute flares; and
- (f) a line-throwing appliance.

(8) At least one lifebuoy on each side of the ship shall be fitted with a buoyant lifeline. Two lifebuoys shall be provided with self-activating smoke signals and be capable of quick release from the navigating bridge;

(9) Included in the number of lifejackets required by subparagraph (7)(d) there shall be at least sufficient inflatable lifejackets for the crew of the rescue boat or inflated boat.

(10) Every ship shall be provided with–

- (a) a general emergency alarm system;
- (b) posters or signs in accordance with the requirements of regulation 12;
- (c) a training manual;
- (d) instructions for on-board maintenance of life-saving appliances or a shipboard planned maintenance programme which includes the maintenance of life-saving appliances; and
- (e) a copy of the table Life-Saving Signals and Rescue Methods, “SOLAS No. 1” published by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, on the bridge.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 5 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 5.