

and (c) (i) of this Regulation for a period not exceeding two years from the date of coming into force of the present Convention.

Passenger Ships

(b) Each passenger ship which in accordance with Regulation 3 is required to be fitted with a radiotelegraph installation, if fitted with an auto alarm shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (d) of this Regulation, and while at sea, listen on the radiotelegraph distress frequency in the medium frequency band by means of a qualified operator using some aural method, as follows:—

- (i) if carrying or certificated to carry 250 passengers or less, at least 8 hours listening a day in the aggregate;
- (ii) if carrying or certificated to carry more than 250 passengers and engaged on a voyage exceeding 16 hours duration between two consecutive ports, at least 16 hours listening a day in the aggregate. In this case the ship shall carry at least two qualified operators;
- (iii) if carrying or certificated to carry more than 250 passengers and engaged on a voyage of less than 16 hours duration between two consecutive ports, at least 8 hours listening a day in the aggregate.

Cargo Ships

(c) (i) Each cargo ship which in accordance with Regulation 3 is required to be fitted with a radiotelegraph installation, if fitted with an auto alarm shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (d) of this Regulation and, while at sea, listen on the radiotelegraph distress frequency in the medium frequency band by means of a qualified operator using some aural method, as follows:—

- (a) if of 5,500 tons gross tonnage and upwards, for at least 8 hours a day in the aggregate;
- (b) if of 1,600 tons gross tonnage and upwards but less than 5,500 tons gross tonnage for at least 8 hours a day in the aggregate. Administrations which on account of their special conditions find it impracticable to impose 8 hours listening shall take steps to ensure the maximum hours of listening possible and not less than 2 hours a day in the aggregate.*

(ii) Each cargo ship of 500 tons gross tonnage and upwards but less than 1,600 tons gross tonnage and fitted with a radiotelegraph installation as a consequence of Regulation 4, shall carry at least one qualified operator and shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (d) of this Regulation, and while at sea, listen on the radiotelegraph distress frequency in the medium frequency band, by means of a qualified operator using some aural method, during such periods as may be determined by the Administration.

(d) During the period when a qualified operator is required by this Regulation to listen on the distress frequency the operator may discontinue

* NOTE: The Netherlands Administration find it impracticable to comply entirely with this sub-paragraph, in respect of cargo ships of 1,600 tons gross tonnage and upwards but less than 3,500 tons gross tonnage. Nevertheless this Administration agrees to take steps to ensure the maximum possible hours of listening in such ships.