

- (ii) That all such boats and apparatus shall be readily available within the meaning of Regulation 4.
- (iii) That a lifejacket shall be provided for every person on board.
- (iv) That steps shall be taken to formulate general rules which shall be applicable to the particular circumstances of these trades. Such rules shall be formulated in concert with such other Contracting Governments, if any, as may be directly interested in the carriage of such passengers in such trades.

Notwithstanding any provisions of the present Convention the Simla Rules, 1931, shall continue in force as between the Parties to those Rules until the rules formulated under sub-paragraph (c) (iv) of this Regulation come into force.

Regulation 4

Ready Availability of Lifeboats and Buoyant Apparatus

(a) The general principles governing the provision of lifeboats and buoyant apparatus in a ship to which this Chapter applies are that they shall be readily available in case of emergency.

(b) To be readily available, the lifeboats and buoyant apparatus must comply with the following conditions:—

- (i) They must be capable of being put into the water safely and rapidly even under unfavourable conditions of list and trim.
- (ii) It must be possible to effect embarkation into the lifeboats rapidly and in good order.
- (iii) The arrangement of each lifeboat and article of buoyant apparatus must be such that it will not interfere with the operation of other boats and buoyant apparatus.

(c) All life-saving appliances shall be kept in working order and available for immediate use before the ship leaves port and at all times during the voyage.

Regulation 5

Construction of Lifeboats

(a) All lifeboats must be properly constructed and shall be of such form and proportions that they shall have ample stability in a seaway, and sufficient freeboard when loaded with their full complement of persons and equipment.

(b) All lifeboats must be open boats with rigid sides having internal buoyancy only. They shall be not less than 24 feet (or 7·3 metres) in length, except where owing to the size of the ship, or for other reasons, the Administration considers the carriage of such lifeboats unreasonable or impracticable. In no ship shall the lifeboats be less than 16 feet (or 4·9 metres) in length.

(c) No lifeboat may be approved the weight of which when fully laden with persons and equipment exceeds 20 tons (or 20,300 kilogrammes).

(d) All lifeboats certified to carry more than 60 persons shall be either motor lifeboats of Class A or Class B, complying with the requirements of