

Rule XII.—*Carriers or Sockets.*

Carriers or sockets for hatchway beams and fore-and-afters are to be of steel at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, and are to have a width of bearing surface of at least 3 inches.

Rule XIII.—*Cleats.*

Strong cleats at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide are to be fitted at intervals of not more than 2 feet from centre to centre: the end cleats are to be placed not more than 6 inches from each corner of the hatchway.

Rule XIV.—*Battens and Wedges.*

Battens and wedges are to be efficient and in good condition.

Rule XV.—*Tarpaulins.*

At least two tarpaulins in good condition, thoroughly waterproofed and of ample strength, are to be provided for each hatchway in an exposed position on freeboard and superstructure decks. The material is to be guaranteed free from jute, and of the standard weight and quality laid down by each Administration.

Rule XVI.—*Security of Hatchway Covers.*

At all hatchways in exposed positions on freeboard and superstructure decks ring bolts or other fittings for lashings are to be provided.

Where the breadth of the hatchway exceeds 60 per cent of the breadth of the deck in way of the hatchway, and the coamings are required to be 24 inches high, fittings for special lashings are to be provided for securing the hatchway covers after the tarpaulins are battened down.

Rule XVII.—*Cargo and other Hatchways in the Freeboard Deck within Superstructures which are fitted with Closing Appliances less efficient than Class 1.*

The construction and fitting of such hatchways are to be at least equivalent to the standards laid down in Rule XVIII.

Rule XVIII.—*Hatchway Coamings and Closing Arrangements*

Cargo, coaling and other hatchways in the freeboard deck within superstructures which are fitted with Class 2 closing appliances are to have coamings at least 9 inches in height and closing arrangements as effective as those required for exposed cargo hatchways whose coamings are 18 inches high.