

6 Structural protection

For ro-ro cargo spaces of ships constructed on or after 1 July 1998, the requirements of paragraphs 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 of regulation 38-1 shall be complied with."

46 The following new regulation 38-1 is added:

"Regulation 38-1

Protection of closed and open ro-ro cargo spaces, other than special category spaces and ro-ro cargo spaces intended for the carriage of motor vehicles with fuel in their tanks

1 General

1.1 The basic principles underlying regulation 37.1.1 also apply to this regulation.

1.2 In passenger ships carrying more than 36 passengers, the boundary bulkheads and decks of closed and open ro-ro cargo spaces shall be insulated to "A-60" class standard. However, where a category 26.2.2(5), (9) or (10) space is on one side of the division, the standard may be reduced to "A-0". Where fuel oil tanks are below a ro-ro cargo space, the integrity of the deck between such spaces may be reduced to "A-0" standard.

1.3 In passenger ships carrying not more than 36 passengers the boundary bulkheads and decks of closed and open ro-ro cargo spaces shall have a fire integrity as required for category (8) spaces in table 27.1 and the horizontal boundaries as required for category (8) spaces in table 27.2.

1.4 Permanent openings in the side plating, the ends or deckhead of open and closed ro-ro cargo spaces shall be so situated that a fire in the cargo space does not endanger stowage areas and embarkation stations for survival craft and accommodation spaces, service spaces and control stations in superstructures and deckhouses above the cargo spaces.

2 Closed ro-ro cargo spaces

Closed ro-ro cargo spaces shall comply with the requirements of regulation 38, except for paragraph 4 of that regulation.

3 Open ro-ro cargo spaces

Open ro-ro cargo spaces shall comply with the requirements of regulations 37.1.3, 37.2.1, 38.1, except that a sample extraction smoke detection system is not permitted, and 38.2.3."