

Regulation 16*Specification of a Lifebuoy*

(a) A lifebuoy shall satisfy the following requirements:—

- (i) It shall be of solid cork or any other equivalent material;
- (ii) It shall be capable of supporting in fresh water for 24 hours at least 32 pounds (or 14·5 kilogrammes) of iron.

Lifebuoys filled with rushes, cork shavings or granulated cork, or any other loose granulated material, or whose buoyancy depends upon air compartments which require to be inflated, are prohibited.

(b) Lifebuoys shall be fitted with beackets securely seized. At least one lifebuoy on each side shall be fitted with a life-line of at least 15 fathoms (or 27·5 metres) in length. Not less than one-half of the total number of lifebuoys, and in no case less than six shall be provided with efficient self-igniting lights which cannot be extinguished by water, and these shall be kept near the buoys to which they belong, with the necessary means of attachment.

(c) All lifebuoys shall be so placed as to be readily accessible to the persons on board.

(d) Lifebuoys shall always be capable of being rapidly cast loose and shall not be permanently secured in any way.

Regulation 17*Lifejackets*

(a) Ships shall carry for every person on board a lifejacket of a type approved by the Administration, and in addition, unless these lifejackets can be adapted for use by children, a sufficient number of lifejackets suitable for children.

(b) A lifejacket shall not be approved by an Administration unless it satisfies the following requirements:—

- (i) It shall be constructed with proper workmanship and materials.
- (ii) It shall be capable of supporting in fresh water for 24 hours 16·5 pounds (or 7·5 kilogrammes) of iron.
- (iii) It shall be reversible.
- (iv) It shall be capable of holding up the head of an unconscious person in the water.

Lifejackets, the buoyancy of which depends on air compartments, are prohibited.

(c) Lifejackets shall be so placed as to be readily accessible and their position shall be plainly indicated.

Regulation 18*Line-Throwing Appliances*

(a) Ships shall carry a line-throwing appliance of a type approved by the Administration.

(b) The appliance shall be capable of carrying a line not less than 250 yards (or 230 metres) with reasonable accuracy, and shall include not less than four projectiles and four lines.