

CHAPTER III.—LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES, &c.**Regulation 1***Application*

(a) This Chapter, except where it is otherwise expressly provided, applies as follows to new ships engaged on international voyages:—

Part A.—Passenger ships and cargo ships.

Part B.—Passenger ships.

Part C.—Cargo ships.

(b) In the case of existing ships engaged on international voyages and which do not already comply with the provisions of this Chapter relating to new ships, the arrangements on each ship shall be considered by the Administration with a view to securing, so far as this is practicable and reasonable, compliance with the general principles set out in Regulation 4 not later than the 1st January, 1951, and substantial compliance with the other requirements of this Chapter.

PART A.—GENERAL

(Part A applies to both passenger ships and cargo ships)

Regulation 2*Definitions*

For the purposes of this Chapter the expression “short international voyage” means an international voyage in the course of which a ship is not more than 200 miles from a port or place in which the passengers and crew could be placed in safety, and which does not exceed 600 miles in length between the last port of call in the country in which the voyage begins and the final port of destination.

Regulation 3*Exemptions*

(a) Each Administration, if it considers that the sheltered nature and conditions of the voyage are such as to render the application of the full requirements of this Chapter unreasonable or unnecessary, may to that extent exempt from the requirements of this Chapter individual ships or classes of ships belonging to its country which, in the course of their voyage, do not go more than 20 miles from the nearest land.

(b) In the case of passenger ships engaged on international voyages which are employed in the carriage of large numbers of unberthed passengers in special trades, such, for example, as the pilgrim trade, the Administration, if satisfied that it is impracticable to enforce compliance with the requirements of this Chapter, may exempt such ships, when they belong to its country, from those requirements on the following conditions:—

(i) That the fullest provision which the circumstances of the trade will permit shall be made in the matter of lifeboats and other life-saving appliances and fire protection.