

Regulation 46*Fire Extinguishers*

(a) All fire extinguishers shall be of types and designs approved by the Administration. The capacity of portable extinguishers shall be not more than 3 gallons (or 13½ litres) and not less than 2 gallons (or 9 litres).

(b) Spare charges shall be provided in accordance with requirements to be specified by the Administration.

(c) Extinguishers in which the medium is stored under pressure shall not be kept in passenger or crew accommodation.

(d) Portable fire extinguishers shall be periodically examined and subjected to such tests as the Administration may require.

(e) One of the portable fire extinguishers intended for use in any space shall be stowed near the entrance to that space.

(f) The control valves for fixed extinguishing apparatus shall be so placed that they will be easily accessible and not readily cut off from use by an outbreak of fire.

Regulation 47*Fire-smothering Gas or Steam for Cargo Spaces and Boiler Rooms*

(a) Where provision is made for the injection of gas or steam into cargo spaces or boiler rooms for fire extinguishing purposes, the necessary pipes for conveying the gas or steam shall be provided with control valves or cocks which shall be readily accessible from the deck in any circumstances, and so marked as to indicate clearly the compartments to which the pipes are led. Suitable provision shall be made to prevent inadvertent admission of the gas or steam to any compartment. If any pipe is led to a space to which passengers may have access, it shall be furnished with an additional stop valve or cock suitably protected.

(b) The piping shall be arranged so as to provide effective distribution of the fire smothering gas or steam. In large holds there shall be at least two pipes, one of which shall be fitted at the forward part and one at the after part. Where steam is used, the pipes shall be led well down into the space.

(c) (i) When carbon dioxide is supplied as the extinguishing medium in cargo spaces, the quantity of gas available shall be sufficient to give a minimum volume of free gas equal to 30 per cent. of the gross volume of the largest cargo compartment in the ship which is capable of being sealed.

(ii) When carbon dioxide is supplied as an extinguishing medium for boiler rooms, the quantity of gas carried shall be sufficient to give a minimum quantity of free gas equal to 30 per cent. of the gross volume of the largest boiler room measured to the top of the boilers. If the engine and boiler rooms are not entirely separate and fuel oil can drain from the boiler room into the engine room bilges, the combined engine and boiler rooms shall be considered as one compartment.

(iii) When carbon dioxide is supplied as the extinguishing medium both for cargo spaces and for boiler rooms, the quantity of gas need not be more than that required for the largest compartment protected in this way, whether cargo compartment or boiler room.

(iv) For the purpose of this paragraph (c), the volume of gas shall be calculated at 9 cubic feet to the pound (or 0.56 cubic metres to the kilogramme).