

**Regulation 12***Security of Lifeboat Equipment*

All items of lifeboat equipment not kept in the lockers, with the exception of the boat hook which shall be kept free for fending off purposes, shall be suitably secured within the lifeboat. The lashing shall be carried out in such a manner as to ensure the security of the equipment and so as not to interfere with the lifting hooks or to prevent ready loading of, or impede ready entry into, the lifeboat.

**Regulation 13***Lifeboat Portable Radio Apparatus*

(a) Ships carrying less than 20 lifeboats shall be provided with an approved portable radiotelegraph apparatus complying with the requirements set out in Regulation 14 of Chapter IV. All this equipment shall be kept together in the chart room or other suitable place ready to be moved to one or other of the lifeboats in the event of an emergency.

(b) In the case of ships engaged on voyages of such duration that, in the opinion of the Administration, lifeboat portable radio apparatus is unnecessary, the Administration may allow such equipment to be dispensed with.

**Regulation 14***Embarkation into the Lifeboats*

Suitable arrangements shall be made for embarkation into the lifeboats, which shall include:—

- (a) a suitable ladder at each set of davits, to afford access to the lifeboats when waterborne;
- (b) suitable means for illuminating the launching gear and lifeboats during the process of launching;
- (c) suitable arrangements for warning the passengers and crew that the ship is about to be abandoned, and
- (d) suitable means situated outside the engine room whereby any discharge of water into the lifeboats can be prevented.

**Regulation 15***Marking of Lifeboats and Buoyant Apparatus*

(a) The dimensions of a lifeboat and the number of persons which it is authorised to carry shall be marked on it in clear permanent characters. The name of the ship to which the lifeboat belongs shall be painted on the bows.

(b) Buoyant apparatus (and life rafts carried in lieu of buoyant apparatus) shall be marked with the number of persons in the same manner.

(c) No lifeboat or buoyant apparatus shall be marked for a greater number of persons than that obtained in the manner specified in these Regulations.