

Regulation 53*Acceptance of Substitutes*

Where in this Part of this Chapter any special type of appliance, apparatus, extinguishing medium or arrangement is specified, any other type of appliance, &c., may be allowed, provided the Administration is satisfied that it is not less effective.

PART F.—MISCELLANEOUS

(Part F applies only to passenger ships)

Regulation 54*Means of Escape*

(a) In and from all passenger and crew spaces, stairways and ladderways shall be arranged so as to provide a ready means of escape to the lifeboat embarkation deck. In particular the following provisions shall be complied with:—

- (i) Below the bulkhead deck sufficient exit facilities shall be provided from each watertight compartment independent of watertight doors to provide adequate means of escape and shall be arranged so as to be readily accessible.
 - (ii) Above the bulkhead deck there shall be at least two practicable means of escape from each space bounded by main fire-resisting bulkheads, at least one of which shall give access to a stairway forming a vertical escape.
 - (iii) The width, number and arrangement of the stairways shall be to the satisfaction of the Administration.
- (b) Practicable means of escape for the crew shall be provided from each engine room, shaft tunnel, stokehold compartment, and other working spaces, independent of watertight doors.

Regulation 55*Power for Going Astern*

A passenger ship shall have sufficient power for going astern to secure proper control of the ship in all normal circumstances.

Regulation 56*Steering Gear*

(a) A passenger ship shall be provided with main steering gear and auxiliary steering gear to the satisfaction of the Administration.

(b) The auxiliary apparatus shall be capable of being brought speedily into action in an emergency and shall be of adequate strength and of sufficient power to steer the ship at navigable speed. It shall be operated by power in any ship in which the Administration would require a rudder stock of over 9 inches (or 22·86 centimetres) diameter in way of the tiller.

(c) A duplicate main steering gear power unit and connections shall be acceptable as an auxiliary apparatus.