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# SECTION 1 - SUBDIVISION ARRANGEMENT

# 1. Number and Arrangement of Transverse Watertight Bulkheads

# 1.1 Number of watertight bulkheads

### 1.1.1 General

1.1.1.a This regulation is based on 1.1.1, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B, of the RINA Rules, and is related to Reg. II-1/11 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 1.1.2 Additional bulkheads

1.1.2.a This is a regulation based on 1.1.2, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules.

## 2. COLLISION BULKHEAD

# 2.1 Arrangement of collision bulkhead

#### 2.1.1

2.1.1.a This regulation is according to 2.1.1, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/11.2 of the SOLAS Convention.

#### 2.1.2

2.1.2.a This regulation is according to 2.1.2, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/11.3 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 2.1.3

2.1.3.a This regulation is according to 2.1.3, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on the first sentence in Reg. II-1/11.4 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 3. AFTER PEAK, MACHINERY SPACE BULKHEADS AND STERN TUBES

3.1

## 3.1.1 General

3.1.1.a This regulation is according to 3.1.1, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/11.8 of the SOLAS Convention, in principle. However, it complies with the requirements for passenger ships of Reg. 11-1/10.7 of the SOLAS Convention.

#### 3.1.2 Sterntubes

3.1.2.a This regulation is according to 3.1.2, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/11.9 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 4. Number and Arrangement of Tank Bulkheads

# 4.1 Bulkheads in compartments intended for the carriage of liquid cargoes

## 4.1.1

4.1.1.a This regulation is based on 4.1.1, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules.

## 5. ARRANGEMENT OF TRANSVERSE WATERTIGHT BULKHEADS

#### 5.1 General

#### 5.1.1

5.1.1.a This regulation is according to 5.1.2, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/14.2.1 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 6. OPENINGS IN WATERTIGHT BULKHEADS

## 6.1 General

## 6.1.1

6.1.1.a This regulation is according to 6.1.1, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/25.9.1 of the SOLAS Convention, and on the IMO Resolution A.684 (17).

## 6.1.2

6.1.2.a This regulation is according to 6.1.2, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and complies with the requirements for passenger ships of Reg. II-1/15.3.1.1 of the SOLAS Convention.

#### 6.1.3

6.1.3.a This regulation is according to 6.1.3, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and complies with the requirement for passenger ships of Reg. II-1/15.2 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 6.1.4

6.1.4.a This regulation is according to 6.1.4, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and complies with the requirement for passenger ships of Reg. II-1/15.2 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 6.1.5

6.1.5.a This regulation is based on 6.1.5, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules and on IACS UR SC156.

## 6.2 Openings in the watertight bulkheads below the freeboard deck

#### 6.2.1

6.2.1.a This regulation is according to 6.2.1, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/25-9.2 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 6.2.2

6.2.2.a This regulation is according to 6.2.2, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/25-9.3 of the SOLAS Convention.

#### 6.2.3

6.2.3.a This regulation is according to 6.2.3, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/25-9.4 of the SOLAS Convention.

#### 6.2.4

6.2.4.a This regulation is according to 6.2.4, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/25- 9.5 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 6.3 Openings in the bulkheads above the freeboard deck

#### 6.3.1 General

6.3.1.a This regulation is based on 6.3.1, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B, of the RINA Rules, and is related to Reg. II-1/25-6.1.1 of the SOLAS Convention.

#### 6.3.2 Doors used while at sea

6.3.2.a This regulation is according to 6.3.2, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/25-9.2 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 6.3.3 Doors normally closed at sea

6.3.3.a This regulation is according to 6.3.3, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/25-9.3 of the SOLAS Convention.

# 6.3.4 Openings kept permanently closed at sea

6.3.4.a This regulation is according to 6.3.4, Sec. 1, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/25- 9.5 of the SOLAS Convention.

# **SECTION 2 - COMPARTMENT ARRANGEMENT**

## 1. Definitions

## 1.1 Cofferdam

#### 1.1.1

1.1.1.a This regulation is based on the regulations of 2, Section 1, Chapter 2, Part A of the RINA Rules.

## 1.2 Machinery spaces of Category A

## 1.2.1

1.2.1.a This regulation is according to 1.2.1, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/3.31 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 2. Cofferdam

# 2.1 Cofferdam arrangement

2.1.1.a This regulation is based on 2.1.1, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules.

## 2.1.2

2.1.2.a This regulation is based on 2.1.2, Section 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules.

#### 2.1.3

2.1.3.a This regulation is based on the first sentence of 2.1.3, Section 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules.

## 2.1.4

2.1.4.a This regulation is based on 2.1.4, Section 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules.

## 3. Double Bottoms

## 3.1 General

3.1.1.a This regulation is according to 3.1.1, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B, of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/12-1.1 of the SOLAS Convention.

#### 3.1.2

3.1.2.a This regulation is according to 3.1.2, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B, of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/12-1.2 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 3.1.3

3.1.3.a This regulation is according to 3.1.3, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B, of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/12-1.3 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 3.1.4

3.1.4.a This regulation is according to 3.1.4, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B, of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/12-1.4 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 4. COMPARTMENT FORWARD OF THE COLLISION BULKHEAD

## 4.1 General

#### 4.1.1

4.1.1.a This regulation is according to 4.1.1, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B, of the RINA Rules, and is based on Reg. II-2/4-2.2.3.1 of the SOLAS Convention.

# 5. MINIMUM BOW HEIGHT

## 5.1 General

## 5.1.1

5.1.1.a These regulations are according to Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and they are based on Reg. 39 (1), (2), (3), (4)(a) and (4)(b) of the International Convention on Load Lines (hereafter referred to as the "LL Convention").

#### 5.1.2

5.1.2.a These regulations are according to Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and they are based on Reg. 39 (1), (2), (3), (4)(a) and (4)(b) of the International Convention on Load Lines (hereafter referred to as the "LL Convention").

## 5.1.3

5.1.3.a These regulations are according to Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and they are based on Reg. 39 (1), (2), (3), (4)(a) and (4)(b) of the International Convention on Load Lines (hereafter referred to as the "LL Convention").

## 5.1.4

5.1.4.a These regulations are according to Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and they are based on Reg. 39 (1), (2), (3), (4)(a) and (4)(b) of the International Convention on Load Lines (hereafter referred to as the "LL Convention").

#### 5.1.5

5.1.5.a These regulations are according to Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules, and they are based on Reg. 39 (1), (2), (3), (4)(a) and (4)(b) of the International Convention on Load Lines (hereafter referred to as the "LL Convention").

## 6. SHAFT TUNNELS

#### 6.1 General

## 6.1.1

6.1.1.a This regulation is according to 6.1.1, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B, of the RINA Rules, and complies with the regulation related to passenger ships in Reg. II-1/10-8 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 7. WATERTIGHT VENTILATORS AND TRUNKS

#### 7.1 General

## 7.1.1

7.1.1.a This regulation is according to 7.1.1, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B, of the RINA Rules, and is based on the regulation at the end of Reg. II-1/19-1 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 8. FUEL OIL TANKS

#### 8.1 General

## 8.1.1

8.1.1.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-2/4.2.2 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 8.1.2

8.1.2.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-2/4.2.2 of the SOLAS Convention.

# 8.1.3

8.1.3.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-2/4.2.2 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 8.1.4

8.1.4.a These regulations are according to 8.1.4, Sec. 2, Chapter 2, Part B of the RINA Rules.

# **SECTION 3 - ACCESS ARRANGEMENT**

## 1. GENERAL

# 1.1 Means of access to cargo and other spaces

#### 1.1.1

- 1.1.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the SOLAS Convention.
- 1.1.2
- 1.1.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the SOLAS Convention
- 1.1.3
- 1.1.3.a This regulation is in accordance with the SOLAS Convention
- 1.2
- 1.2.1
- 1.2.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the SOLAS Convention and with the related IACS UI.
- 1.2.2
- 1.2.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the SOLAS Convention
- 1.2.3
- 1.2.3.a This regulation is in accordance with the SOLAS Convention
- 1.3
- 1.3.1
- 1.3.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the SOLAS Convention and with the related IACS UI.
- 1.3.2
- 1.3.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the SOLAS Convention and with the related IACS UI.

## 2. TECHNICAL PROVISIONS FOR MEANS OF ACCESS

# 2.1 Definitions

## 2.1.1 Rung

2.1.1.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-1/3-6 of the SOLAS Convention and the IMO Resolution.

## 2.1.2 Tread

2.1.2.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-1/3-6 of the SOLAS Convention and the IMO Resolution.

# 2.1.3 Flight of a ladder

2.1.3.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-1/3-6 of the SOLAS Convention and the IMO Resolution.

## 2.1.4 Stringer

2.1.4.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-1/3-6 of the SOLAS Convention and the IMO Resolution.

#### 2.1.5 Vertical ladder

2.1.5.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-1/3-6 of the SOLAS Convention and the IMO Resolution.

#### 2.1.6 Overhead obstructions

2.1.6.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-1/3-6 of the SOLAS Convention and the IMO Resolution.

## 2.1.7 Distance below deck head

2.1.7.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-1/3-6 of the SOLAS Convention and the IMO Resolution.

#### 2.1.8 Cross deck

2.1.8.a This regulation is in accordance with Reg. II-1/3-6 of the SOLAS Convention and the IMO Resolution.

#### 2.2 Permanent means of access

#### 2.2.1

2.2.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.2.2

2.2.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78) and with the related IACS UI.

#### 2.2.3

2.2.3.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.3 Construction of ladders

## 2.3.1 General

2.3.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.3.2 Inclined ladders

2.3.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.3.3 Vertical or spiral ladders

2.3.3.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

# 2.4 Access through openings

# 2.4.1 Access through horizontal opening, hatches or manholes

2.4.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

# 2.4.2 Access through vertical openings, or manholes

2.4.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

# 2.5 Access ladders to cargo holds and other spaces

### 2.5.1 General

2.5.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

#### 2.5.2

2.5.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.5.3

2.5.3.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

#### 2.5.4

2.5.4.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

#### 2.5.5

2.5.5.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

#### 2.5.6

2.5.6.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

#### 2.5.7

2.5.7.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.6 Access ladder to tanks

## 2.6.1

2.6.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

# 2.7 Access to underdeck structure of cargo holds

## 2.7.1

2.7.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

2.7.2	
2.7.2.a	This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).
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2.7.3.a	This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).
2.7.4	
2.7.4.a	This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78) and with related IACS UI.
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2.8 A	ccess to double side skin tanks in double side bulk carriers
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2.8.1.a	This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).
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2.9.5	
2.9.5.a	This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).
2.10 A	ccess to vertical structures of cargo holds in double side bulk carriers
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2.10.1.a	This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).
2.11 A	ccess to top side ballast tanks in single side bulk carriers
2.11.1	
2.11.1.a	This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.11.2

2.11.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

#### 2.11.3

2.11.3.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.11.4

2.11.4.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

# 2.12 Access to bilge hopper ballast tanks

## 2.12.1

2.12.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78) and with related IACS UI.

#### 2.12.2

2.12.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

#### 2.12.3

2.12.3.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.13 Access to fore peak tanks

#### 2.13.1

2.13.1.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 2.13.2

2.13.2.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

#### 2.13.3

2.13.3.a This regulation is in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC.158 (78).

## 3. SHAFT TUNNELS

#### 3.1 General

## 3.1.1

3.1.1.a This regulation is based on 4.1.1, Section 3, Chapter 2, Part B of the BV rules.

#### 3.1.2

3.1.2.a This regulation is according to 4.1.2, Sec. 3, Chapter 2, Part B of the BV Rules, and they are related to Reg. II-2/13.4.3 of the SOLAS Convention.

# 4. Access to Steering Gear Compartment

## 4.1 General

# 4.1.1

4.1.1.a This regulation is according to 5.1.1, Sec. 3, Chapter 2, Part B of the BV Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/29.13.1 of the SOLAS Convention.

## 4.1.2

4.1.2.a This regulation is according to 5.1.2, Sec. 3, Chapter 2, Part B of the BV Rules, and is based on Reg. II-1/29.13.2 of the SOLAS Convention.