Regulation 16 – Acceptance of certificates

Certificates issued under the authority of a Party shall be accepted by the other Party for all purposes covered by the present Protocol. They shall be regarded by the other Party as having the same force as certificates issued by them.

Regulation 17 – Privileges

The privileges of the present Protocol may not be claimed in favour of any vessel unless it holds appropriate valid certificates."

CHAPTER V

FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE DETECTION, FIRE EXTINCTION AND FIRE FIGHTING

PART A – GENERAL

Regulation 1 – General

5 The existing text of the regulation is replaced by the following:

"(1) Unless expressly provided otherwise, this chapter shall apply to new vessels of 45 m in length and over.

(2) One of the following methods of protection shall be adopted in accommodation and service spaces:

(a) Method IF – The construction of all internal divisional bulkheads of non-combustible "B" or "C" Class divisions generally without the installation of a detection or sprinkler system in the accommodation and service spaces; or

(b) Method IIF – The fitting of an automatic sprinkler and fire alarm system for the detection and extinction of fire in all spaces in which fire might be expected to originate, generally with no restrictions on the type of internal divisional bulkheads; or

(c) Method IIIF – The fitting of an automatic fire alarm and detection system in all spaces in which a fire might be expected to originate, generally with no restriction on the type of internal divisional bulkheads, except that in no case shall the area of any accommodation space or spaces bounded by an "A" or "B" Class division exceed 50 square metres. However, the Administration may increase this area for public spaces.

(3) The requirements for use of non-combustible materials in construction and insulation of the boundary bulkheads of machinery spaces, control stations, etc., and the protection of stairway enclosures and corridors shall be common to all three methods."

CHAPTER VII

LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES AND ARRANGEMENTS

PART B – VESSEL REQUIREMENTS

Regulation 5 – Number and types of survival craft and rescue boats

6 After the existing paragraph (4), new paragraphs (5), (6) and (7) are inserted as follows:

"(5) Where the arrangement required in paragraph (3)(a) would interfere with the normal operation of the vessel, the Administration may decide, in lieu of meeting the requirements, that vessels carry survival craft capable of being launched from only one side of the vessel. These survival craft shall be of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate at least twice the total number of persons on board, provided that the survival craft of sufficient capacity to accommodate the total number of persons on board can be easily transferred to the other side of the vessel, where they can be launched safely and rapidly.

(6) In the event of any one survival craft being lost or rendered unserviceable, there shall be sufficient survival craft available for use on either side, including those which are stowed in a position to be transferred to the other side, to accommodate the total number of persons on board. The transfer shall be easy to do, at a single open deck level, and all craft shall be free of obstacles to avoid entrapment and facilitate easy deployment.

(7) Where the arrangement required in paragraph (3)(b) would interfere with the normal operation of the vessel, the Administration may decide, in lieu of meeting the requirements, that vessels carry other equivalent appliances for rescuing persons from the water, taking into account the vessel's navigational area and operational condition."

7 The existing paragraphs (5) and (6) are renumbered as (8) and (9).

CHAPTER IX

RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

PART A – APPLICATION AND DEFINITIONS

Regulation 1 – Application

8 At the end of the existing paragraph (2), the following new sentence is added:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), the Administration may permit the existing radiocommunication system to continue to be used on board existing fishing vessels, providing the Administration is satisfied that it is equivalent to the requirements of this chapter."