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Merchant Shipping Act (Chapter 242)

GUIDELINES ON REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR VESSELS MEASURING BETWEEN 10 TO 24 METRES IN LENGTH

I, PAUL M. UNAS, General Manager of the National Maritime Safety Authority, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 54 of the *Merchant Shipping Act* (Chapter 242), and all other powers me enabling, give notice of the following guidelines on safety equipment for vessels measuring between 10 to 24 metres in length:

Table 1: Seagoing Non-Passenger Vessel, between 10 to 15 metres in length, for use in restricted water operations within a limit of 50 nautical miles seaward from designated smooth or partially smooth waters.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT OR APPARATUS	WHAT TO PROVIDE
Life Rafts	Inflatable Coastal Life raft(s) for 100% of allowable crew and other persons on board OR Buoyant apparatus for 100% compliment.
Life Buoys	2 Life buoys (1 with a light and 1 with a buoyant line).
Life Jackets	Coastal Life Jacket with a light for 100% of allowable crew and any other persons on board.
Distress Signals	2 x Parachute distress rockets. 2 x Red hand-held flares. 1 x Orange hand-held smoke flare.
Emergency Lighting (hand-held)	1 x Battery operated.
Radio Equipment	1 x 406 EPIRB 1 x VHF DSC Transceiver 1 x Portable VHF Transceiver for survival craft.
Fire Fighting Apparatus	Portable extinguishers - 1 x Dry powder - 1 x Foam/9 litres - 1 x CO2 Fire buckets - 2 only Fire axe - 1 only Fire blanket - 1 only at entrance of gallery

Guidelines On Required Safety Equipment For Vessels Measuring Between 10 To 24 Metres In Length—*continued*

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT OR APPARATUS	WHAT TO PROVIDE
Fire Fighting Apparatus—<i>continued</i>	
.....	Portable emergency fire pump
.....	- 1 only with suction and fire hose

Table 2: Seagoing Non-Passenger Vessel, between 15 to 24 metres in length, for use in Papua New Guinea coastal waters.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT OR APPARATUS	WHAT TO PROVIDE
Life Rafts	Inflatable Coastal Life raft(s) for 100% of allowable crew and other persons on board OR Rigid life raft for all persons on board.
Life Buoys	2 Life buoys (1 with light and 1 with a buoyant line).
Life Jackets	Adult SOLAS life jacket with a light for 100% of allowable crew and any other persons on board fitted with light.
Distress Signals	2 x Parachute distress rockets. 4 x Red hand-held flares. 2 x Orange hand-held smoke flare.
Emergency Lighting (hand-held)	2 x Battery operated torches with spare bulb and battery.
Radio Equipment	1 x 406 EPIRB 1 x Portable VHF Transceiver 1 x MF / HF Transceiver with 2 MH2 DSC watch-keeping receiver.
Fire Fighting Apparatus	Portable extinguishers - 1 x Dry powder - 1 x Foam/9 litres, must be of type suitable for the type of fuel, battery or cargo carried on board. Fire buckets - 2 only Fire axe - 1 only Fire blanket - 1 only at entrance of gallery Portable emergency fire pump - 1 only with suction and fire hose

Table 3: Seagoing Passenger Vessel, between 10 to 24 metres in length, for use in all operational areas up to and including Offshore Operations. Offshore Operations must be operations within a limit of 200 nautical miles to seaward of the coast.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT OR APPARATUS	WHAT TO PROVIDE
Life Rafts	Inflatable Coastal Life raft(s) for 100% of allowable crew and other persons on board OR Rigid life raft with capacity for all persons on board.
Life Buoys	2 Life buoys (1 with a light and 1 with a buoyant line).
Life Jackets	Adult SOLAS life jacket with a light for 100% of allowable crew and any passenger on board, plus a child size SOLAS life jacket with a light for each passenger less than 32kg or 10% of the total vessel capacity whichever is the greatest.
Distress Signals	4 x Parachute distress rockets. 4 x Red hand-held flares. 2 x Orange hand-held smoke flare.
On-board communications and alarm systems.	Public address system (If no effective means of addressing passengers in time of emergency).
Emergency Lighting (hand-held)	2 x Battery operated torches with spare bulb and battery.

Guidelines On Required Safety Equipment For Vessels Measuring Between 10 To 24 Metres In Length—*continued*

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT OR APPARATUS	WHAT TO PROVIDE
Radio Equipment	1 x 406 EPIRB
	1 x VHF DSC Transceiver
	1 x MF / HF Transceiver with 2 MHz DSC watch-keeping receiver.
Fire Fighting Apparatus	Portable extinguishers
	- 1 x Dry powder
	- 1 x Foam/9 litres or must be of type suitable for the type of fuel, battery or cargo carried on board.
	Fire buckets
	- 2 only
	Fire axe
	- 1 only
	Fire blanket
	- 1 only at entrance of gallery
	Portable emergency fire pump
	- 1 only with suction and fire hose

Dated this 20th day of December, 2016.

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