

number of lifebuoys shall be provided with self igniting lights and not less than 2 of the lifebuoys provided with such lights shall also be provided with self activated smoke signals and be capable of quick release from the navigating bridge.

**12. Lifejackets**—Every ship of Class VII shall carry a lifejacket for every person which the ship is certified to carry and, in addition, unless these lifejackets can be adapted for use by children, 1 children's lifejacket for each child carried.

**13. Line-throwing appliance**—Every ship of Class VII shall carry a line-throwing appliance.

**14. Distress flares**—Every ship of Class VII shall carry at least 12 rocket parachute flares.

**15. Immersion suits and thermal protective aids**—(1) Every ship of Class VII shall carry for each lifeboat on the ship at least 3 immersion suits and, in addition, a thermal protective aid for every person to be accommodated in the lifeboat and not provided with an immersion suit. These immersion suits and thermal protective aids need not be carried for persons to be accommodated in totally or partially enclosed lifeboats.

(2) Every ship of Class VII shall carry an immersion suit of appropriate size for every person assigned to crew a rescue boat.

**16. Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons**—Every ship of Class VII shall carry on each side of the ship at least 1 survival craft emergency position-indicating radio beacon so stowed that it can be rapidly placed in any survival craft.

Dated at Wellington this 31st day of October 1989.

W. P. JEFFRIES, Minister of Transport.

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## The Lifesaving Appliances (Code of Practice for Existing Ships of Class VIIA) Notice 1989

Pursuant to section 235 of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952, the Minister of Transport hereby gives the following notice.

### Notice

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This notice may be cited as the Lifesaving Appliances (Code of Practice for Existing Ships of Class VIIA) Notice 1989.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of November 1989.

**2. Code of Practice prescribed**—The Code of Practice set out in the Schedule to this notice is hereby prescribed for the purposes of the Shipping (Lifesaving Appliances) Regulations 1989.

### Schedule

#### Code of Practice for Existing Ships of Class VIIA

**1. Interpretation**—In this Schedule unless the context otherwise requires:

“The Act” means the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952.

“Approved” means approved in writing by the Director.

“Certified” means certified by a certificate issued under section 219 of the Act or accepted by a surveyor as equivalent to such certificate for the purposes of this Schedule.

“Child” For the purposes of these Regulations a “child” means a passenger weighing less than 32 kg and the term “children's lifejacket” shall mean a lifejacket approved for use by a person weighing less than 32 kg.

“Existing ship” means a ship which is not a new ship.

“Launching appliance or arrangement” means an appliance or arrangement for transferring a survival craft, or boat from its stowed position safely to the water.

“Immersion suit” means a protective suit which reduces the body heat-loss of a person wearing it in cold water.

“New Ship” means a ship the keel of which is laid, or in respect of which a similar stage of construction is reached on the 1st day of July 1986 and for the purposes of this definition, “similar stage of construction” means the stage at which construction identifiable with the ship comprises at least 50 tonnes or 1 per cent of the estimated mass of the structural material of the completed ship, whichever is the less. A cargo ship, whenever built, which is converted to a passenger ship shall be treated as a passenger ship constructed on the date on which such a conversion commences.

“Person” means a person over the age of 1 year.

“Rescue boat” means a boat designed to rescue persons in distress and to marshal survival craft.

“Thermal protective aid” means a bag or suit made of waterproof material with low thermal conductivity.

Other expressions defined in the Act have the meaning so defined.

**2. Ships of 500 gross tonnage or over**—(1) Every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 500 or over shall carry either:

(a) On each side of the ship lifeboats of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate 1/2 of the total number of persons the ship is certified to carry together with liferafts of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate 1/2 the total number of persons the ship is certified to carry; or

(b) Lifeboats and liferafts together providing sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate the total number of persons the ship is certified to carry provided there shall never be less than sufficient lifeboats on each side of the ship to accommodate 37½ per cent of such total number of persons and there shall never be less than sufficient liferafts to accommodate 50 per cent of such total number of persons.

(2) On every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage 500 or over, 2 of the lifeboats required by sub-clause (1) of this clause shall be kept ready, 1 on each side of the ship, for immediate use in an emergency while the ship is at sea. These emergency lifeboats shall be not more than 8.5m in length, and each of them may be a motor lifeboat and may be counted for the purpose of compliance with sub-clause (3) of this clause.

(3) In every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 500 or over, at least 1 of the lifeboats carried on each side of the ship in compliance with sub-clause (1) of this clause shall be a motor lifeboat.

(4) In every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 500 or over, which is certified to carry 1,500 persons or more, each of the motor lifeboats carried in compliance with sub-clause (3) of this clause shall be provided with radio equipment complying with the requirements of the Shipping (Radio) Regulations 1989 and in every such ship which is certified to carry more than 199 and less than 1,500 persons at least 1 of the motor lifeboats carried in compliance with sub-clause (3) of this clause shall be so provided.

(5) Every motor lifeboat carried in compliance with this clause shall be provided with approved searchlight equipment.

(6) Every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 500 or over which does not carry on each side of the ship a motor lifeboat provided with the radio equipment specified in subclause (4) of this clause shall carry portable radio equipment complying with the requirements of the Shipping (Radio) Regulations 1989.

(7) In every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 1,600 or over, the lifeboats shall be not less than 7.3m in length; and in every such ship with a gross tonnage of less than 1,600 the lifeboats shall be not less than 4.9m in length.

(8) Each lifeboat carried in compliance with this clause shall be attached to a separate set of davits of the gravity type, except that luffing-type davits may be fitted for operating lifeboats