

weighing not more than 2,300kg in their turning out condition.

(9) The liferafts carried in compliance with sub-clause (1)(b) of this clause shall be served by approved launching appliances. There shall never be less than 1 such appliance on each side of the ship, and the difference in the number of appliances fitted on each side shall not exceed 1.

(10)(a) Every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 500 or over, shall carry at least 8 lifebuoys.

(b) At least 1 lifebuoy on each side of the ship shall be fitted with a buoyant lifeline. Not less than 50 per cent of the total 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.

(11) Every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 500 or over, shall carry a lifejacket for every person 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.

(12) Every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 500 or over, shall carry a line-throwing appliance, and at least 12 rocket parachute flares.

(13) Every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 500 or over, 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.

(14) Every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of 500 or over, shall carry an immersion suit of appropriate size for every person assigned to crew a rescue boat.

(15) Every ship of Class VIIA 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.

3. Ships of less than 500 gross tonnage—Every ship of Class VIIA with a gross tonnage of less than 500 shall comply with the requirements of the Lifesaving Appliances (Code of Practice for Class X Ships) Notice 1989 as they apply to ships of Class X.

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 VIII) 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 VIII) 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 VIII

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

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

“Child” means a person weighing less than 32 kg and the term “childrens lifejacket” means a lifejacket approved for a person weighing less than 32 kg.

“Class VIII ship” means a non-passenger ship engaged in the coastal trade.

“Dinghy” means a boat complying with the Shipping (Dinghies) Notice 1989.

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

“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 date of commencement of the Shipping (Lifesaving Appliances) Regulations 1989 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.

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

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

2. Ships of 30m in length or over—Every self-propelled ship of Class VIII of 30m in length or over shall carry either;

(a) On each side of the ship 1 or more lifeboats of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate all persons on board, together with liferafts of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate the total number of persons on board; or

(b) A rescue boat which is capable of being launched on 1 side of the ship and liferafts of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate twice the total number of persons on board.

3. Ships of less than 30m in length—Every self-propelled ship of Class VIII of less than 30m length but not less than 15m length shall carry at least 1 lifeboat, or rescue boat, or dinghy which is capable of being launched on 1 side of the ship together with liferafts of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate the total number of persons on board.

4. Ships of less than 15m in length—Every self-propelled ship of Class VIII of less than 15m length shall carry 1 or more liferafts of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate all persons on board.

5. Ships carrying 16 or more persons—If 16 persons or more are carried in a self-propelled ship of Class VIII the number of liferafts provided in compliance with this Code of Practice shall be at least 2.

6. Stowage of liferafts—Every liferaft carried by a self-propelled ship of Class VIII shall be so stowed that it can readily be placed in the water on either side of the ship.

7. Davits—Every lifeboat, rescue boat, or dinghy carried in a self-propelled ship of Class VIII shall be attached to a separate set of davits, or have other alternative means of launching approved by a surveyor.

8. Lifebuoys—(1) Every self-propelled ship of Class VIII shall carry at least the number of lifebuoys specified in the following table:

<i>Length of Ship in Metres</i>	<i>Minimum Number of Lifebuoys</i>
Less than 60	4
60 or more	8

(2) On every self-propelled ship of Class VIII where the total number of persons on board is less than 8, only 1 lifebuoy for every 2 persons need be carried, provided the minimum number of lifebuoys shall be 2.

(3) On every self-propelled ship of Class VIII at least 1 lifebuoy