

*Rules for Life-saving Appliances for Ships.*LIVERPOOL, Governor.
ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this twenty-seventh day of July, 1914.

Present.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS it is enacted by section one hundred and ninety-seven of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, that the Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council, make rules called "Rules for Life-saving Appliances" with respect to all or any of the matters referred to in the said section:

And whereas it is desirable to make rules for arranging British ships into classes and for defining the boats, rafts, or other appliances for saving life to be carried by ships of each class, and otherwise as hereinafter appears:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon him by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the rules set forth in the Schedule hereto, and doth order that such rules shall come and be in force on and after the first day of October, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and shall then take the place of the rules heretofore in force.

SCHEDULE.

RULES FOR LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES.

FOR the purposes of these rules ships shall be arranged in the following classes, under the headings "Foreign-going" and "Home trade":—

Foreign-going.

Class I: Foreign-going passenger steamers, including emigrant ships.

Class II: Foreign-going steamships not certified to carry passengers.

Class III: Foreign-going sailing-ships carrying passengers.

Class IV: Foreign-going sailing-ships not carrying passengers.

Home Trade.

"Home-trade ship" means a ship—

(a.) Employed in trading or going between any ports or places in New Zealand; or

(b.) Plying on any navigable waters in New Zealand; or

(c.) Going to sea from any port or place in New Zealand and returning to New Zealand without going more than fifty miles from the coast thereof:

Provided that, for the purposes of this definition, the Cook Islands, the Kermadec Islands, the Chatham Islands, the Auckland Islands, Campbell Island, Antipodes Islands, and Bounty Islands shall be deemed to be places out of New Zealand:

Provided also that a ship shall not be deemed to be a home-trade ship merely because in the course of or as preliminary to a voyage to or from any place out of New Zealand she is employed in going between two places in New Zealand, if she does not take on board at any place in New Zealand, to be landed or delivered at any other place in New Zealand, any cargo or passengers other than cargo consigned on through bills of lading, or passengers holding through tickets, to or from any place out of New Zealand.

Class I: Steamships holding a passenger-steamer's certificate authorizing them to carry passengers anywhere within home-trade limits.

Class II: Steamships trading within home-trade limits, but not certified to carry passengers.

Class III: Sailing-ships carrying passengers anywhere within home-trade limits.

Class IV: Sailing-ships trading within home-trade limits, but not carrying passengers.

Class V: Steamships holding a passenger-steamer's certificate authorizing them to carry passengers within certain specified limits of the home trade—viz., on short specified passages along the coasts of New Zealand.

Class VI: Steamships certified to carry passengers on short excursions to sea—i.e., beyond partially-smooth-water limits—between the 1st October and the 30th April during daylight and in fine weather.

Class VII: Steamships certified to carry passengers in partially smooth water.

Class VIII: Steamships certified to carry passengers in smooth water in estuaries and lakes and on rivers and canals.

Class IX: Steam-launches and motor-boats certified to carry passengers for short distances to sea.

Class X: Steam and motor launches up to 40 ft. in length plying within river and extended river limits.

Class XI: Steam fish-carriers, tugs, steam lighters, dredgers, steam hoppers, and hulks which proceed to sea.

Class XII: Steam fish-carriers, tugs, steam lighters, dredgers, steam hoppers, and hulks which do not proceed to sea.

Class XIII: Fishing and trawling vessels not carrying passengers.

FOREIGN-GOING.

Class I.—Rules for Foreign-going Passenger-steamers, including Emigrant Ships.

Rule A.—A ship of this class shall carry lifeboats in such number and of such capacity as shall be sufficient to accommodate the total number of persons which is carried, or which the ship is certified to carry, whichever number is the greater.

The master or owner of a ship of this class claiming to carry on any voyage fewer lifeboats than will provide sufficient accommodation for all the persons for which the ship is certified must declare before the Collector or other officer of Customs, before the time of clearance, that the lifeboats actually carried will be sufficient to accommodate all persons that will be carried at any time during the voyage to foreign ports and the voyage back to New Zealand.

Rule B.—Where a ship of this class is required to carry more than four lifeboats one or two boats of Section D, fitted with internal buoyancy, may be carried in lieu of the same number of lifeboats.

Rule C.—Subject to the provisions of General Rule 16 (1), a ship of this class shall be provided, in accordance with its length, with such number of sets of davits of approved form as is specified in the table in Appendix A, and they shall be suitably placed to the satisfaction of the Marine Department. Each set of davits shall have a lifeboat attached to it: Provided that no ship shall be required to have a larger number of sets of davits than the number of boats required to accommodate the total number of persons which is carried, or which the ship is certified to carry, whichever number is the greater: Provided also that appliances or arrangements at least as effective as davits for launching boats may be accepted by the Marine Department in lieu of davits: Provided also that the Marine Department may, where it appears to them necessary, having regard to the height at which the boats are carried above the centre of the load-line disc and to the other circumstances of the case, require a ship of this class to carry in lieu of, or in addition to, davits some other approved form of launching-appliances or such arrangements for launching boats as may be, in their opinion, effective.

Rule D.—(1.) All lifeboats which are directed by Rule C to be attached to davits shall be open lifeboats of Section A or Section B, except as provided by paragraph (5) of this rule, and except that where boats of Section D are carried in accordance with Rule B they may be attached to davits.

(2.) The additional lifeboats (if any) not directed to be attached to davits but required to make up the total lifeboat accommodation may be either open or decked.

(3.) All additional lifeboats shall be placed as readily available for attachment to davits as may be practicable.

(4.) An additional lifeboat of Section C may be stowed under an open lifeboat of Section A or Section B which is attached to davits.

(5.) If the open lifeboats attached to davits, together with the decked lifeboats stowed underneath them in pursuance of the last paragraph, are not sufficient to provide the required lifeboat accommodation, decked lifeboats in sets of three, one over the other, the uppermost being attached to davits, may, if it is desired, be substituted for any of the open boats attached to davits and the decked lifeboats stowed thereunder within the limits defined by the third column of the table in Appendix A.

(6.) Where additional lifeboats are stowed across a deck, bridge, or poop, means satisfactory to the Marine Department shall be provided for their ready transfer to the ship's side and thence to the water.

Rule E.—All the boats shall be equipped as provided in the General Rules.

Rule F.—If the ship is under 400 ft. in length, at least twelve approved lifebuoys shall be carried; if of 400 ft. or over but under 600 ft., at least eighteen approved lifebuoys shall be carried; if of 600 ft. or over but under