

“Home-trade minor installation” means an installation having a power of at least 100 watts and complying in all other respects with the requirements of a home-trade major installation :

“Automatic apparatus” means an automatic apparatus, being part of an installation, for registering the reception of the signal of distress, which shall have been approved for general use by the Imperial Board of Trade and by the Minister :

“Operator” and “watcher” mean respectively a person duly certificated as such by the Minister of Telegraphs :

“Wireless signaller” means—

(a.) A person having a certificate of competency as mate of any grade or as master endorsed as required by clause 2 of Regulation No. 10 hereof ; or

(b.) A person whose first home-trade certificate of competency as mate of any grade or as master was issued on or after the 1st day of January, 1926.

(3.) In reckoning the number of persons carried by a ship there shall be included the total number of persons for the time being comprising the crew and the maximum number of passengers which the ship, by her survey certificate, is permitted to carry.

(4.) For the purpose of these regulations ships shall be classified as follows :—

Class I : Foreign-going ships carrying two hundred persons or more :

Class II : Foreign-going ships carrying seventy-five but less than two hundred persons, other than those in Class III :

Class III : (a.) Foreign-going ships carrying less than seventy-five persons. (b.) Foreign-going ships proceeding between ports of call within the Dominion of New Zealand when carrying less than two hundred persons. (c.) Home-trade ships carrying four hundred persons or more :

Class IV : Home-trade ships other than those in Class III :

Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in this regulation, until otherwise prescribed by the Governor-General in Council, all intercolonial-trading ships shall be deemed to be classified in Class III.

(5.) For the purpose of these regulations the number of hours occupied in a voyage from port to port means the normal number of hours occupied, or likely to be occupied, by the ship in question in a voyage between one port of call and the next.

(6.) The respective numbers of operators of any grade, wireless signallers, or watchers required to be carried in accordance with these regulations shall be deemed to be the minimum numbers required for the class of ship referred to.

(7.) Duties required by these regulations to be discharged by a wireless signaller may be discharged by an operator, and duties so required to be discharged by a watcher may be discharged by a wireless signaller or by an operator.

(8.) Nothing in these regulations shall exempt an installation from the provisions of the Wireless-telegraph Regulations for ship-stations made under the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1911, by Order in Council on the 7th day of September, 1914, or any regulations amending or replacing the same, including the obligation to be licensed under any such regulations.

2. APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS.

(1.) These regulations shall, except as provided by clauses (2) and (3) hereof, apply to every ship registered in the Dominion of New Zealand and to all home-trade ships not so registered which—

- (a.) Are of 1,600 tons gross registered tonnage or upwards ; or
- (b.) Carry more than twelve passengers ; or
- (c.) Carry more than twenty-five persons.

(2.) These regulations shall not apply to—

- (a.) Ships being towed :
- (b.) Ships plying solely on lakes, rivers, harbours, or within river or extended-river limits.

(3.) The Minister may give written exemption to any ships or classes of ships from all or any of the obligations imposed by these regulations if he is of the opinion that, having regard to the nature of the voyages on which the ships are engaged or other circumstances of the case, compliance with such obligations is impracticable, or the provision of an installation is unnecessary or unreasonable.