

carry, in the manner provided in Rule B (1) and section (1) of this rule (D), lifeboats in such numbers and capacity as would be sufficient to accommodate the total number of persons carried, or which the ship is certified to carry, whichever number is the greater, they may allow additional approved buoyant apparatus to be carried in lieu of lifeboats, sufficient for those persons for whom accommodation is not provided in the lifeboats: Provided that no buoyant apparatus shall be allowed on a ship of this class in lieu of a lifeboat required by these rules unless the total cubic capacity of the lifeboats is at least equal to the greater of the two following amounts:—

- (a) Seventy-five per cent. of the total capacity required to accommodate all the persons carried.
- (b) The minimum capacity required by column C of the table in Appendix I.

(3) The master or owner of a ship of this class claiming to carry on any voyage fewer lifeboats, or, in the case of a ship coming under the provisions of Rule D (2), fewer lifeboats and approved buoyant apparatus, 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, or the lifeboats and approved buoyant apparatus, as the case may be, actually carried will be sufficient to accommodate all persons who will be carried at any time during the voyage to foreign ports and the voyage back to New Zealand, and that in addition approved buoyant apparatus will be carried sufficient for 25 per cent. of all such persons.

In the case of a ship coming under the provisions of Rule D (2) and claiming to carry fewer lifeboats and approved buoyant apparatus than will provide accommodation for all the persons for which the ship is certified, a further declaration must be made by the master or owner that the total cubic capacity of the lifeboats actually carried is not less than is required by Rule D (2): Provided that no greater number of lifeboats need be carried than is sufficient to accommodate all the persons carried.

*Rule E.*—(1) Where the number of lifeboats is more than ten, one of them shall be fitted with an approved wireless-telegraphy installation. Where the number of lifeboats is more than fifteen, one shall be a motor-boat fitted with an approved wireless-telegraphy installation complying with the provisions of General Rule 4; and where the number is more than twenty, two of the lifeboats shall be motor-boats so fitted. All such motor-boats shall be fitted with searchlights.

(2) The Department may, at their discretion, upon the application of an owner, allow a greater number of motor-lifeboats to be carried if they are satisfied that the efficiency of the life-saving equipment will not thereby be diminished.

*Rule F.*—If the ship is under 400 ft. in length, at least twelve approved lifebuoys shall be carried; if 400 ft. or over but under 600 ft., at least eighteen approved lifebuoys shall be carried; if 600 ft. or over but under 800 ft., at least twenty-four approved lifebuoys shall be carried; and if 800 ft. or over, at least thirty approved lifebuoys shall be carried.

*Rule G.*—One approved life-jacket shall be carried for each person on board.

*Rule H.*—The Department may schedule certain voyages between specified ports or places outside New Zealand as being, for the purpose of these rules, voyages of a nature similar to one or other of the classes of voyages within home-trade limits provided for in the rules.

If a foreign-going passenger-steamer is permitted by the terms of the passenger certificate to carry, between specified ports or places abroad, a number of passengers in addition to the number allowed when the ship is proceeding to sea from New Zealand and such a voyage has been scheduled in accordance with the provisions of this rule, that ship shall, so far as concerns the additional passengers carried between those ports or places, comply with the rules applicable to the class of home-trade voyage to which the voyage has been scheduled as similar.

#### CLASS II.

*Rules for Foreign-going Steamships not certified to carry Passengers.*

*Rule A.*—A ship of this class shall carry on each side of the ship open lifeboats of Class 1 in such number and of such aggregate