

- (e) With one dozen self-igniting red lights in a watertight tin, and a box of suitable matches in a watertight tin.
- (f) With 1 lb. of condensed milk for each person the boat is certified to carry: Provided that in respect of such ships which make short voyages in waters where the large number of vessels following recognized tracks ensures prompt assistance in the event of disaster, the Department may allow the quantity of condensed milk to be reduced to one-half the quantity stated above.
- (3) Every life-raft which has been accepted as an approved buoyant apparatus under clause 2 of section 14, shall be equipped as follows:—
- (a) With four oars and five thole-pins or crutches attached to the raft by sound lanyards, and a steering-oar.
- (b) With a sea-anchor and a painter of sufficient length.
- (c) With sufficient fresh water to give 1 pint per day for each person the raft is certified to carry; with sufficient biscuits, made of wheat-flour with 20 per cent. of plasmon, laitproto, or other suitable material as may be approved by the Marine Department, weighing 2 oz. or 4 oz. each, to give 8 oz. per day for each person, and with sufficient chocolate, in 1 oz. squares, to give 2 oz. per day for each person (home-trade ships to carry two days' supply, and ships plying beyond home-trade limits four days' supply); twelve fish-hooks, and three fishing-lines. The water shall be kept in airtight metal tanks or in proper kegs, and shall be kept in such part of the raft as may be approved by the Surveyor. Each water-vessel shall have attached to it a dipper or other approved means of getting the water out without waste, and when tanks are used they shall have screw tops $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. inside measurement, each top to have two snugs $\frac{3}{4}$ in. deep and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter. The other articles enumerated in this subsection shall be kept in airtight and watertight tanks, with screw tops 5 in. inside measurement, each top to have two snugs each $\frac{3}{4}$ in. deep and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. diameter, and such receptacles shall be securely fastened in the life-rafts: Provided that screw tops which were procured without the prescribed snugs by shipowners prior to the 23rd November, 1903, may be used if they are made so that they can be screwed up and unscrewed without difficulty, and the Surveyor considers they are suitable.
- (d) With a line securely becketed round the outside of the raft.
- (e) With a self-igniting lifebuoy-light.
- (f) With 1 gallon of vegetable or animal oil, and a vessel of approved pattern for distributing it on the water in rough weather. This vessel shall be capable of being attached to the sea-anchor.
- (g) With one dozen self-igniting red lights in a watertight tin, and a box of suitable matches in a watertight tin.
- (4) All buoyant apparatus carried by a foreign-going ship shall be equipped as follows:—
- (a) With two paddles and one boathook, or two paddles and boathooks combined, attached to the buoyant apparatus by lanyards;
- (b) A painter of sufficient length;
- (c) A line securely becketed round the outside of the apparatus;
- (d) A self-igniting light and two signal flares of approved pattern, the self-igniting light to be attached to the buoyant apparatus by lanyards of suitable length:

Provided that on buoyant apparatus designed to support less than twenty-five persons the paddles, boathook, and flares need not be carried.

(5) All buoyant apparatus carried by a home-trade ship shall be provided with a suitable approved equipment.

(6) All boats and rafts and buoyant apparatus shall be fully equipped before the ship leaves harbour, and the equipment shall remain in the boat, raft, or buoyant apparatus throughout the voyage, while the ship is at sea, or it shall be stowed in some convenient place where it will be immediately available in case of emergency.