

(ii) Either has been left by the said stevedore or other person fenced or covered as required by Regulation 78, or has been taken into use by or on behalf of the owner of the ship, and in either case has been so reported by such written notice as aforesaid.

(d) It shall be the duty of the owner, master, or officer in charge of the ship to give immediately a written acknowledgment in the prescribed form of such written notice as aforesaid.

(e) It shall be the duty of all persons, whether owners, occupiers, or persons employed in the work referred to in this regulation, to comply with Regulations 123 to 125 inclusive of these regulations.

54. (1) If the depth from the level of the deck to the bottom of the hold exceeds 5 ft., there shall be maintained safe means of access from the deck to the hold in which work is being carried on.

(2) Save as hereinafter provided, such access shall be afforded by ladder, and by ladder cleats or cups on the coamings, and shall not be deemed to be safe—

(a) Unless the ladders between the lower decks are in the same line as the ladder from the top deck, if the same is practicable, having regard to the position of the lower hatch or hatches :

(b) Unless the ladders provide a foothold of a depth, including any space behind the ladder, of not less than  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. for a width of 10 in. and a firm handhold :

(c) Unless the cleats or cups provided on coamings—

(i) Provide a foothold of a depth including any space behind the cleats or cups of not less than  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. for a width of 10 in. and a firm handhold :

(ii) Are so constructed as to prevent a man's foot slipping off the side :

(iii) Are placed vertically one above the other and in the same line as the ladders to which they give access :

(d) Unless the cargo is stowed sufficiently far from the ladder to leave at each rung of the ladder foothold of a depth including any space behind the ladder of not less than  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. for a width of 10 in. and a firm handhold :

(e) Unless there is room to pass between a winch or other obstruction and the coamings at the place where the ladder leaves the deck :

(f) If the ladder is recessed under the deck more than is reasonably necessary to keep the ladder clear of the hatchway :

Provided that such access may be afforded—

(i) Where the provision of a ladder on a bulkhead or in a trunk hatchway can be shown to be reasonably impracticable, by cleats or cups complying with the requirements of paragraph (c) :

(ii) By ladders or steps, separate from any hatchway or sloping from deck to deck, if such ladders or steps comply with the requirements of paragraphs (b), (d), and (e).

(3) Shaft tunnels shall be equipped with adequate handhold and foothold on each side.

55. When the work of loading, discharging, repairing, or overhaul of ships is being carried on—

(a) The places in the hold and on the decks where work is being carried on ;

(b) The means of access provided in pursuance of these regulations ; and

(c) All uncovered hatches or other openings and all parts of the ship to which persons employed may be required to proceed in the course of their employment—

shall be efficiently lighted, due regard being had to the safety of the ship and cargo, of all persons employed, and of the navigation of other vessels.

56. When coal is being discharged in baskets from a ship by means of a bull-rope on to a stage so that it may be put directly into carts or other vehicles, such stage shall not be less than 3 ft. 6 in. in width, and it shall be properly fixed and supported so that it may be firm and steady.