

72. Appropriate measures shall be taken to prevent the foot of a derrick being accidentally lifted out of its socket or support.

73. In the case of ships registered in New Zealand, and of hulks whether registered in New Zealand or not, all hatch-landings on coamings or beams shall be not less than 2½ in. in width.

74. Precautions shall be taken to facilitate the escape of the workers from any threatened danger when employed in a hold or on 'tween decks in dealing with coal or other bulk cargo.

75. No person under eighteen years of age and no person who is not sufficiently competent and reliable shall be employed as driver of a crane or winch, whether driven by mechanical power or otherwise, or to give signals to a driver or to attend to cargo falls on winch-ends or winch-bodies.

76. Where goods are placed on a wharf—

(a) A clear passage leading to the means of access to the ship required by these regulations shall be maintained on the wharf; and

(b) If any such passage is left along the edge of the wharf, it shall be at least 3 ft. wide and clear of all obstructions other than fixed structures, plant, and appliances in use.

77. (a) No deck-stage or cargo-stage shall be used in the work referred to in Regulation 53 hereof unless it is substantially and firmly constructed and adequately supported, and, where necessary, securely fastened.

(b) No truck shall be used for carrying cargo between ship and shore on a stage so steep as in the opinion of the Surveyor of Ships is likely to be unsafe.

(c) Any stage which is slippery shall be made safe by the use of sand or otherwise.

78. (a) If any hatch of a hold exceeding 5 ft. in depth, measured from the level of the deck in which the hatch is situated to the bottom of the hold, and accessible to any person employed, is not in use for the passage of goods, coal, or other material, or for trimming, and the coamings are less than 2 ft. 6 in. in height, such hatch shall either be fenced to a height of 3 ft. or be securely covered:

Provided that this requirement shall not apply to any vessel during meal-times or other short interruptions of work during the period of employment.

(b) Hatch-coverings shall not be used in the construction of deck or cargo stages, or for any other purpose which may expose them to damage.

(c) Hatch-coverings shall be replaced on the hatches in the positions indicated by the markings made thereon in pursuance of Regulation 66.

79. No cargo shall be loaded or unloaded by a fall or sling at any intermediate deck unless either the hatch at that deck is securely covered or a secure landing platform of a width not less than that of one section of hatch-coverings has been placed across it:

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to any work of loading or unloading the whole of which will be completed within a period of half an hour.

80. Hooks shall not be made fast in the bands or fastenings of bales of cotton, wool, cork, gunny-bags, or other similar goods, nor shall "can" hooks be used for raising or lowering a barrel.

Nothing in this regulation shall apply to breaking out cargo.

81. When work is proceeding on any skeleton deck, adequate staging shall be provided unless the space beneath the deck is filled with cargo to within a distance of 2 ft. of such deck.

82. Where the work of stacking, unstacking, stowing, or unstowing of cargo or handling in connection therewith cannot be safely carried out, reasonable measures to guard against accident shall be taken by shoring or otherwise.

83. The beams of any hatch in use for the work referred to in Regulation 53 hereof shall, if not removed, be adequately secured to prevent their displacement.

84. When cargo is being loaded or unloaded by a fall at a hatchway a signaller shall be employed, and where more than one fall is being worked at a hatchway a separate signaller shall be employed to attend to each fall: