

ANNEX VI

To the Notification

(Stipulations in exemption of Section 288, 289 & 290 of M.S. Act)

Life Saving Appliances

Requirements in this Annex are based on functional requirements of river-sea vessels under this Notification

All life saving appliances shall be of approved type as per BIS or equivalent ISO standard.

1.1 Numbers and capacity of survival craft

1.1.1 Every river-sea vessel under this Notification of 1600 GT and above shall carry:

1. a lifeboat on each side or one capable of being launched on either side or freefall launched over the stern of the river-sea vessel of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate the total number of persons the river-sea vessel is certified to carry; and
2. A life raft or life rafts capable of being launched on either side of the river-sea vessel and of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate the total number of persons on board. Where the life raft or life rafts cannot be readily transferred for launching on either side of the river-sea vessel, the total capacity available on each side shall be sufficient to accommodate the total number of persons on board and *"Capable of being launched on either side of the river-sea vessel" and "can be readily transferred" shall be interpreted as "stowed in a position providing for easy side-to-side transfer at a single open deck level"*.

1.1.2 Every river-sea vessel under this Notification of less than 1600 GT shall carry on each side of the river-sea vessel one or more inflatable life rafts (SOLAS Pack B) capable of being launched on either side of the river-sea vessel and of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate the total number of persons the river-sea vessel is certified to carry. However, one or more of such life rafts of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate at least the total number of persons the river-sea vessel is certified to carry shall be capable of being readily transferred from

their stowage positions to both sides or from one side to the other side of the river-sea vessel at open deck level for launching.

1.1.3 Every inflatable life raft and hydrostatic release unit shall be serviced:

1. at intervals not exceeding twelve months; however, in cases where it appears proper and reasonable, the Administration may extend this period up to a maximum of seventeen months;
2. at an approved service station, which is competent to service them, maintains proper servicing facilities and uses only properly trained personnel.

1.2 Lifejackets

1.2.1 On every river-sea vessel under this Notification lifejackets shall be provided for every person on board the river-sea vessel and, in addition, lifejackets shall be carried for persons on watch or duty and for use at remotely located survival craft stations in unlocked and clearly marked dry stowage positions in accordance with the following table:

The number of persons that the river-sea vessel is certified to carry	Minimum number of additional lifejackets
More than 16 persons	Not less than 25% of the total number of persons the river-sea vessel is certified to carry
16 persons or less	Not less than 4

1.2.2 Each lifejacket shall be fitted with a whistle firmly secured by a cord and a light and fitted with retro-reflective material.

1.3 Life buoys

1.3.1 Ships to which this chapter applies shall carry not less than the number of lifebuoys determined according to the following table:

Length of river-sea vessel in metres	Minimum number of lifebuoys
Under 50	6
50 and over	8

1.3.2 At least half of the number of lifebuoys referred to in 5.3.1 shall be fitted with self-igniting lights.

1.3.3 At least one lifebuoy on each side of the river-sea vessel shall be fitted with a buoyant lifeline of at least 30 m in length.

1.4 Distress signals

Every river-sea vessel to which this chapter applies shall be provided, with not less than 6 rocket parachute flares. They shall be stowed on or near the place at which the river-sea vessel is normally navigated. They shall be so placed as to be readily accessible and their position shall be plainly indicated.

1.5 Radio life-saving appliances

1.5.1 Type IV river-sea vessels under this Notification shall comply with the requirements of regulation 6 of chapter III of the 1974 SOLAS Convention for river-sea vessels of 500 tons GT and upwards.

1.5.2 Type III river-sea vessels under this Notification shall carry at least one two-way VHF telephone apparatus to be used in survival craft.

1.6 General emergency alarm system

1.6.1 Every river-sea vessel shall be provided with a general emergency alarm system capable of sounding the general emergency alarm signal consisting of seven or more short blasts followed by one long blast on the river-sea vessel's whistle or siren. The system shall be capable of operation from the navigation bridge or control station as appropriate and shall be audible throughout all accommodation and normal working spaces.

1.7 Emergency instructions

1.7.1 Clear instructions to be followed in the event of an emergency shall be provided and exhibited in conspicuous places throughout the river-sea vessel including the navigation bridge, machinery spaces and accommodation spaces.