
LL42 Access openings on barges (Regulation 27(11))

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(a) Since Regulation 27(11) does not contain any indication as to what size the term 'small access openings' refers it is recommended that such openings should not be greater than 1,5 m² where a freeboard reduction of 25% is granted.

(b) Access plates are considered as being equivalent to an intact deck for unmanned barges, thereby allowing for a 25% reduction in freeboard, provided they are secured by closely spaced bolts, their joining parts are properly gasketed and their arrangements, for all practical purposes, have equivalent structural integrity and tightness as an intact deck.

Footnote: This UI is also applicable to Regulation 27(14)(c) of the 1988 Protocol and the revised 1988 Protocol.

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