

PART IV

CLOSING OF OPENINGS IN ENCLOSED SUPERSTRUCTURES AND IN BULKHEADS ABOVE THE BULKHEAD DECK

4.1 General

4.1.1 Part IV of the Regulations and paragraph 2.11 of these Instructions set out the conditions under which openings are permitted in enclosed superstructures and in bulkheads above the bulkhead deck.

4.1.2 It is for the surveyor to decide whether to submit details of these openings for consideration by Headquarters, particularly when the surveyor has undertaken to carry out the intact and damaged stability investigation of the ship. It is however required that such details are submitted to headquarters together with any submissions for intact and damaged stability consideration.

4.2 Written Instructions Regarding the Closure of Weathertight Doors Above the Bulkhead Deck (Regulation 28)

4.2.1 It should be noted that any opening which, if left open, could compromise the intact and damaged stability characteristics of the ship must be closed before sailing and remain closed and locked until the ship has been secured at the arrival berth, unless it is opened at the express authority of the Master.

4.2.2 It is required that the ship is provided with appropriate instructions for the Master. These instructions must be examined the surveyor and approved before being placed on board the ship.

4.2.3 The instructions are to be approved by the certifying authority and shall be kept on the ship at all times in the custody of the Master. The Instructions shall include the following information:

- (i) the circumstances in which the doors to which the Regulations apply may be opened and are required to be closed;
- (ii) a list of the doors described in Regulation 22;
- (iii) the requirements of verifying and reporting the closure of doors;
- (iv) procedures for opening doors in an emergency;
- (v) the entries required by the Regulations to be recorded;

(vi) a reference to the berth list and any extra information related thereto which may be necessary together with a clear statement that loading and discharging may be done only at the berths listed in the berthing list; and

(vii) warning of the penalties for not complying with the Regulations.