

REGULATIONS TO BE EXEMPTED

A. Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ship Built Before 25 May 1980) Regulation 1991 (Cap. 369, sub. leg. W):

Regulation	Requirements	Condition for Exemption
29(3)(a)	The sea connection of the independently driven operated emergency fire pump shall be located outside the machinery spaces.	Penetration of short lengths of the emergency fire pump suction and discharge pipe through the machinery space shall be permitted in accordance with SOLAS II-2, Reg. 4.6.3.
35(1)	Ships of 4000 grt and over shall be provided with 3 fireman's outfits.	Exemption shall be granted for cargo ships of 4000 grt and above provided not less than two fireman's outfits are provided in accordance with SOLAS II-2, Reg. 17.3. (Tankers require 2 additional fireman's outfits.)
59(4)(a)	The fire main shall have no connections other than those necessary for the fire fighting and washing down.	Exemption was granted by Gazette Notice No. 295 dated 2 January 1992. Fire main is permitted to have connection to ballast lines, cooling water lines and bilge ejector etc., provided the closing valves to these lines are fitted and kept closed at all times when not in use.
62(5)	Where portable dry powder fire extinguishers are provided in accordance with these regulations either in accommodation and service spaces or in machinery spaces their number shall not exceed one half of the total number of extinguishers in either of these spaces.	No limitation on number of dry powder fire extinguishers shall be placed provided the dry powder fire extinguishers are of good quality suitable for all types of fires and caking of powder is unlikely to happen.

B. Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Appliances) (Ships Built On or After 25 May 1980 But Before 1 September 1984) Regulations 1991 (Cap. 369, sub. leg. X):

Regulation	Requirements	Condition for Exemption
31(3)(a)	The sea connection of the independently driven operated emergency fire pump shall be located outside the machinery spaces.	Penetration of short lengths of the emergency fire pump suction and discharge pipe through the machinery space shall be permitted in accordance with SOLAS II-2, Reg. 4.6.3.
34(1)	No provision to allow a steam smothering system being used.	Fitting of steam smothering system in restricted areas shall be permitted in addition to the required fire extinguishing medium, in accordance with SOLAS II-2, Reg. 5.4
34(1)	No provision to allow a foam system being used for the protection of any machinery spaces of Category A or Cargo Pump Room.	Low expansion foam shall be permitted provided that the expansion ratio is not greater than 12:1.
39(1)	Ships of 2500 grt and below 4000 grt shall be provided with 3 fireman's outfits, 4000 grt and over shall be provided with 4 fireman's outfits.	Exemption shall be granted for cargo ships provided not less than two fireman's outfits are provided in accordance with SOLAS II-2, Reg. 17.3. (Tankers require 2 additional fireman's outfits.)
67(4)(a)	The fire main shall have no connections other than those necessary for fire fighting and wash down.	Exemption was granted by Gazette Notice No. 295 dated 2 January 1992. Fire main is permitted to have connection to ballast lines, cooling water lines and bilge ejector etc., provided the closing valves to those lines are fitted and kept closed at all times when not in use.
69(6)	Where portable dry powder fire extinguishers are provided in accordance with these regulations either in accommodation and service spaces or in machinery spaces their number shall not exceed one half of the total number of extinguishers provided in either of these spaces.	No limitation on number of dry powder fire extinguishers shall be placed provided the dry powder fire extinguishers are of good quality suitable for all types of fires and caking of powder is unlikely to happen.

Regulation	Requirements	Condition for Exemption
Schedule 9 Para. (4)(g)	Entrance to the fixed gas fire extinguishing medium storage room shall be from an open deck and in any case shall be independent of the protected space.	Entrance to the gas bottles storage room for fixed fire extinguishing system need not be from the open deck provided that the storage room is effectively ventilated with the extraction suction situated near the floor and the access to the storage room is well ventilated. A reminder notice shall be posted at the storage room entrance door to ensure its ventilation.

**C. Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built On or After 1 September 1984)
Regulations 1991 (Cap. 369, sub. leg. Y):**

Regulation	Requirements	Condition for Exemption
29(3)(a)	The sea connection of the independently driven operated emergency fire pump shall be located outside the machinery spaces.	For ships built before 1 October 1994, penetration of short lengths of the emergency fire pump suction and discharge pipe through the machinery space bulkhead shall be permitted in accordance with SOLAS II-2, Reg. 4.6.3.
33(1)	No provision to allow a steam smothering system being used.	Fitting of steam smothering system in restricted areas shall be permitted in addition to the required fire extinguishing medium, in accordance with SOLAS II-2, Reg. 5.4
33(1) & 51(1)	No provision to allow a high expansion foam system being used for the protection of any machinery spaces of Category A or Cargo Pump Room.	High expansion foam shall be permitted in accordance with SOLAS II-2, Reg. 9.
37(1)	Ships of 2500 grt and over shall be provided with more than 2 fireman's outfits.	Exemption shall be granted for ships of 2500 grt and above provided not less than two fireman's outfits are provided in accordance with SOLAS II-2, Reg. 17.3. (Tankers require 2 additional fireman's outfits.)
61(4)(a)	The fire main shall have no connections other than those necessary for fire fighting and wash down.	Exemption was granted by Gazette Notice No. 295 dated 2 January 1992. Fire main is permitted to have connection to ballast lines, cooling water lines and bilge ejector etc., provided the closing valves to these lines are fitted and kept closed at all times when not in use.

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67(7)	Where portable dry powder fire extinguishers are provided in accordance with these regulations either in accommodation and service spaces or in machinery spaces their number shall not exceed one half of the total number of extinguishers provided in either of these spaces.	No limitation on number of dry powder fire extinguishers shall be placed provided the dry powder fire extinguishers are of good quality suitable for all types of fires and caking of powder is unlikely to happen.
119(8)(b) & 136(8)(b)	Where a ventilation duct of sectional area exceeding 0.02 square metre passes through an "A" class bulkhead or deck, the duct shall be fitted with a fire damper which is capable of being closed manually from each side of the division.	Exemptions shall be granted for ventilation ducts passing through an "A" class bulkhead or deck of cross-sectional area between 0.02-0.075 square metre without the fitting of fire dampers.
Schedule 10 Para. (1)(l)	Entrance to the fixed gas fire extinguishing medium storage room shall be from an open deck and in any case shall be independent of the protected space.	Entrance to the gas bottles storage room for fixed fire extinguishing system need not be from an open deck provided that the storage room is effectively ventilated with the extraction suction situated near the floor and the access to the storage room is well ventilated. A reminder notice shall be posted at the storage room entrance door to ensure its ventilation.

D. Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Navigational Equipment) Regulations (Cap. 369, sub. leg. AJ):

Regulation	Requirements	Condition for Exemption
13	A spare magnetic compass, interchangeable with the standard compass, shall be carried in every ship of 150 grt and over to which these regulations apply, unless a steering compass is fitted or, in the case of a ship which is not a Hong Kong ship, a gyro compass is fitted.	If a gyro-compass is fitted, exemption from the requirement of carrying a spare magnetic compass shall be granted. (SOLAS V, Reg. 12(b)(iii))

E. Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Line) Regulations (Cap. 369, sub. leg. AD):

Regulation	Requirements	Condition for Exemption
30(5)(b)	<p>The stability information relating to ships other than those prescribed in 30(5)(a) i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) an oil tanker over 100 metres in length; (ii) a bulk carrier, or an ore carrier, over 150 metres in length; (iii) a single deck bulk carrier over 100 metres but not exceeding 150 metres in length; (iv) a single deck dry cargo ship over 100 metres in length; or (v) a purpose built container ship over 125 metres in length, <p>shall be submitted to the Director for approval.</p>	Shipowners may submit stability information for all cargo ships to either the Director or to the assigning authority for approval.
2(2)(c) of Part I of Schedule 4	The maximum righting lever (GZ) shall occur at an angle of heel or not less than 30 degrees.	Maximum GZ shall occur at an angle of heel preferably exceeding 30 degrees but not less than 25 degrees as prescribed by IMO Res. A749(18).
Part 5 of Schedule 7	The estimated weight of water likely to be absorbed in the case of timber deck cargo shall be taken to be 15 percent by weight.	Weight of the timber deck cargo shall be assumed to increase by 10 percent due to water absorption as prescribed by IMO Res. A749(18).