

accordance with the rules of an approved classification society for the anticipated conditions of navigation and area of operation.

## **28. Bulkheads**

- (1) Bulkheads, closing devices and closures of openings in these bulkheads, as well as methods for their testing, shall be in accordance with the requirements of these Regulations.
- (2) Vessels constructed of material other than wood shall be fitted with a collision bulkhead and at least with watertight bulkheads bounding the main machinery space.
- (3) Bulkheads referred to in sub-regulation (2) of this regulation shall be extended up to the working deck.
- (4) In vessels constructed of wood, bulkheads shall also be fitted and shall be watertight.
- (5) Pipes piercing the collision bulkheads shall be fitted with suitable valves operable from above the working deck and the valve chest shall be secured at the collision bulkhead and shall be easily accessible to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- (6) No door, manhole, ventilation duct or any other opening shall be fitted in the collision bulkhead below the working deck.
- (7) Where a long forward superstructure is fitted, the collision bulkhead shall be extended weathertight to the deck next above the working deck.
- (8) The extension referred to in sub-regulation (7) of this regulation need not be fitted directly over the bulkhead below, provided it is located within the limits provided for within the definition of collision bulkhead in regulation 2 and the part of the deck which forms the step is made effectively weathertight.