

- (9) The number of openings in the collision bulkhead above the working deck shall be reduced to the minimum compatible with the design and normal operation of the vessel.
- (10) Openings referred to in sub-regulation (9) of this regulation shall be capable of being closed weathertight.

29. Watertight Doors and Closing Arrangements

- (1) The number of openings in watertight bulkheads shall be reduced to the minimum compatible with the general arrangements and operational needs of the vessel and such openings shall be fitted with watertight closing appliances to the satisfaction of the Authority, which shall be of an equivalent strength to the adjacent unpierced structure.
- (2) Watertight doors should be of the hinged type, which shall be capable of being operated locally from each side of the door and shall normally be kept closed at sea.
- (3) A notice shall be attached to each side of the door stating that it shall be kept closed at sea.
- (4) Watertight sliding doors may also be used subject to prior approval by the Authority.
- (5) Prior approval for the location, design and installation of watertight doors shall be obtained from the Authority.
- (6) Watertight doors shall not be provided in engine room bulkheads.