

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 116.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 10, sub-section (8) (a) (v), of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, on the 4th day of March, 1920.

Table D of the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, published on pages 691, 692, and 693 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914, is hereby repealed, and the following Table is substituted therefor:—

Table D.

Spaces to be allotted to passengers in ships not within the Chinese Passenger Act, 1855, or the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915.

1. The space to be provided on the between decks shall be 9 superficial and 54 cubic feet of space for each passenger.
2. On the upper or weather deck there shall be provided for the exercise of the passengers and crew a space of four superficial feet for each member of the crew and for each passenger accommodated on the between decks; and if it be intended to carry passengers on the remaining spaces of the said weather deck, then 12 superficial feet of such remaining space shall be provided for each upper deck passenger.
3. Upper deck passengers may be carried only between ports within the following limits, namely, Hongkong, the coast of China, Formosa, French Indo-China, and the Philippine Islands.
4. Between the 1st day of June and the 14th day of October, both days inclusive, every ship which carries upper deck passengers under clause 3 of this Table, shall, for the use of such passengers, be furnished with a deck house or other permanent protection against the weather which will provide a space of 12 superficial feet and 72 cubic feet for each upper deck passenger carried: Provided that this clause shall not apply to voyages between Hongkong and Swatow or Swatow and Hongkong, on which run upper deck passengers may be carried at all seasons of the year without the provision of the deck house.
5. Passengers are not to be carried on more than two decks on any one voyage.
6. The superficial area of a deck shall mean the area of the deck itself exclusive of skylights, hatchways, and other incumbrances.
7. No part of the cargo or of the passengers' luggage or of the provisions, water, or stores, whether for the use of the passengers or of the crew, shall be carried on the upper deck or on the passenger decks, unless the same is stowed and secured to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master, and is placed so as not to impede light or ventilation or to interfere with the comfort of the passengers; and any space so occupied and rendered unavailable for the accommodation of the passengers shall be deducted in calculating the passenger space.
8. There shall not be more than two tiers of berths on any one deck.
9. Such provisions for affording light and air to the passenger decks shall be supplied as the circumstances of the case may, in the judgment of the Harbour Master, require. The passengers shall have the free and unimpeded use of the whole of the hatchway situated over the space appropriated to them, and over each such hatchway there shall be erected such a booby hatch or other substantial covering as will afford it the greatest amount of light and air and of protection from wet as the case will admit.
10. The First and Second Class Saloons, if not reserved for First and Second Class passengers, may be included in the space provided for in clauses 1, 2, and 4 of this Table.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,
4th March, 1920.