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arranged, and insulated from undue noise, heat, and odors.

Subpart 92.25—Rails and Guards

§ 92.25-1 Application.

(a) The provisions of this subpart, with the exception of § 92.25-90, shall apply to all vessels contracted for on or after July 1, 1969. Vessels contracted for prior to July 1, 1969, shall meet the requirements of § 92.25-90.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16983, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGFR 69-72, 34 FR 17484, Oct. 29, 1969; CGD 80-120, 47 FR 5723, Feb. 8, 1982]

§ 92.25-5 Where rails required.

(a) All vessels shall have efficient guard rails or bulwarks on decks and bridges. The height of rails or bulwarks shall be at least 39½ inches from the deck except that where this height would interfere with the normal operation of the vessel, a lesser height may be approved by the Commandant. At exposed peripheries of the freeboard and superstructure decks, the rails shall be in at least three courses, including the top. The opening below the lowest course shall not be more than 9 inches. The courses shall not be more than 15 inches apart. In the case of ships with rounded gunwales the guard rail supports shall be placed on the flat of the deck. On other decks and bridges the rails shall be in at least two courses, including the top, approximately evenly spaced. If it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, that the installation of rails of such height will be unreasonable and impracticable, having regard to the business of the vessel, rails of a lesser height or in some cases grab rails may be accepted and inboard rails may be eliminated if the deck is not generally accessible.

(b) Where it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Commandant that a vessel is engaged exclusively in voyages of a sheltered nature, the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section may be relaxed.

[CGFR 69-72, 34 FR 17484, Oct. 29, 1969, as amended by CGD 80-120, 47 FR 5723, Feb. 8, 1982]

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§ 92.25-10 Storm rails.

(a) On vessels in ocean and coastwise service, suitable storm rails shall be installed in all passageways and at the deckhouse sides where persons on board might have normal access. Storm rails shall be installed on both sides of passageways which are 6 feet or more in width.

§ 92.25-15 Guards in dangerous places.

(a) Suitable hand covers, guards, or rails shall be installed in way of all exposed and dangerous places such as gears, machinery, etc.

§ 92.25-90 Vessels contracted for prior to July 1, 1969.

(a) Vessels contracted for prior to July 1, 1969, assigned a deeper load line under part 42 of subchapter E (Load Lines) of this chapter shall have efficient guard rails or bulwarks as required by § 92.25-5. Otherwise, existing structure, arrangements, materials, and facilities previously approved will be considered satisfactory so long as they are maintained in good condition to the satisfaction of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. Minor repairs and alterations may be made to the same standards as the original construction. However, in no case will greater departure from the standards of §§ 92.25-5 through 92.25-15 be permitted than presently exists.

[CGFR 69-72, 34 FR 17484, Oct. 29, 1969, as amended by CGD 80-120, 47 FR 5723, Feb. 8, 1982]

PART 93—STABILITY

Subpart 93.01—Application

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Each vessel must meet the applicable requirements in subchapter S of this chapter.

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