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The Danish Maritime Authority's Technical Regulation no. 2 of 3 September 1991

Technical regulation on ships' means of access

In pursuance of section 2(5), section 11(2) and section 28 of the Act on Ship Safety, etc., cf. consolidated act no. 584 of 29 September 1988, and on authority given in Order no. 570 of 26 September 1988, the following provisions are laid down:

Section 1. For the purposes of this technical regulation, "angle of application" shall mean the angle with the horizontal plane at which a gangway or the accommodation ladder may be used in a sound and secure way.

Section 2. With the exception of fishing vessels with a gross tonnage below 1,000 and passenger ships, ships shall be equipped with the following means of access:

- 1) If the gross tonnage is 150 or above, but below 500, an accommodation ladder with an angle of application between 0 degrees and 35 degrees shall be carried.
- 2) If the gross tonnage is 500 or above, either of the following shall be carried:
 - a) a gangway with adjustable treads with an angle of application between 0 degrees and 55 degrees,
 - b) an accommodation ladder with an angle of application between 0 degrees and 35 degrees as well as a gangway with fixed treads with an angle of application between 20 degrees and 50 degrees.

Subsection 2. If it is not possible for the ship's crew to move the gangways mentioned in Subsection 1(2) from one side to another, a gangway shall be available in each side.

Section 3. Fishing vessels with a gross tonnage of 500 or above, but below 1,000, shall be equipped with a gangway with an angle of application between 0 degrees and 35 degrees.

Section 4. Passenger ships shall be equipped with sound and secure means of access unless they are engaged on crossings where special arrangements for passage to and from the ship are available.

Section 5. Ships covered by the above provisions shall, if the stipulated means of access is not sufficient, use other necessary means to ensure that persons can embark and disembark without any danger.

Subsection 2. If means of access from ashore are used, the master shall ensure that they are of a sound and secure construction.

Section 6. All ships on which the distance from the surface of the sea to the point of access to the ship exceeds 9 metres at any time shall carry a gangway on each side. The gangways shall be arranged such that, when they are used in connection with the pilot ladder to take on board or put ashore a pilot, the rest against the ship's side in the parallel part amidships and are free of all discharges.

Section 7. Measures shall always have been taken that are so reassuring that persons can embark and disembark without any danger.

Section 8. Contravenors of Sections 2-7 shall be liable to punishment by fine or simple detention.

Section 9. This technical regulation shall enter into force on 1 October 1991.

Subsection 2. Technical regulation no. 8 of 1 September 1988 shall be repealed.

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