

Part C

Ship requirements

Regulation 6

Radio installations

1 Every ship shall be provided with radio installations capable of complying with the functional requirements prescribed by regulation 4 throughout its intended voyage and, unless exempted under regulation 3, complying with the requirements of regulation 7 and, as appropriate for the sea area or areas through which it will pass during its intended voyage, the requirements of either regulation 8, 9, 10 or 11.

2 Every radio installation shall:

- .1** be so located that no harmful interference of mechanical, electrical or other origin affects its proper use, and so as to ensure electromagnetic compatibility and avoidance of harmful interaction with other equipment and systems;
- .2** be so located as to ensure the greatest possible degree of safety and operational availability;
- .3** be protected against harmful effects of water, extremes of temperature and other adverse environmental conditions;
- .4** be provided with reliable, permanently arranged electrical lighting, independent of the main and emergency sources of electrical power, for the adequate illumination of the radio controls for operating the radio installation; and
- .5** be clearly marked with the call sign, the ship station identity and other codes as applicable for the use of the radio installation.

3 Control of the VHF radiotelephone channels, required for navigational safety, shall be immediately available on the navigation bridge convenient to the conning position and, where necessary, facilities should be available to permit radiocommunications from the wings of the navigation bridge. Portable VHF equipment may be used to meet the latter provision.

☆**4** In passenger ships, a distress panel shall be installed at the conning position. This panel shall contain either one single button which, when

☆ The paragraph applies from 1 July 1997.