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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REGULATION 6  
OF PROPOSAL "C"

Submitted by the United Kingdom

... The Government of United Kingdom submitted a proposed  
amendment to Regulation 6 of Proposal C and this is  
reproduced in the attachment.

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Proposal C - Spaces not to be considered as enclosed spaces

Proposed amendment of Regulation 6 by the United Kingdom

In order to avoid possible difficulties and differences of interpretation, the United Kingdom propose that the text of Regulation 6 of Proposal C, as set out in TM/CONF/6, should be replaced by the following wording:-

Gross tonnage

- "6 (1) The gross tonnage as determined by these Regulations shall express the total volume of all enclosed spaces of the ship.
- (2) Enclosed spaces on or above the upper deck shall be all those which are separated off by decks or coverings, or fixed partitions, and which, therefore, represent an increase of capacity that is or may be used for the stowage of cargo, or for the berthing and accommodation of the passengers, the officers, or the crew. No break in a deck, nor any opening or openings in a deck or a covering of a space or in the partitions or bulkheads of a space, nor the absence of a partition shall prevent a space from being measured and comprised in gross tonnage if means are provided for closing such a break, opening or openings, so that the space thus closed in be thereby better fitted for the transport of goods or passengers.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (2) of this Regulation, the following spaces shall not be considered as enclosed spaces and shall not therefore be included in the gross tonnage of the ship:-
- (a) A space within an erection opposite an end opening from deck to deck except for a curtain plate not exceeding 1.6 ft in depth which is not provided with means of closing and which opening has a breadth equal to or greater than half the breadth of the deck at the line of the opening of the space. This provision shall be so applied as to exempt from inclusion only the space between the actual and opening and a line drawn parallel to the line or face of the opening at a distance from the opening equal to one-half the width of the deck at the line of the opening, provided that any closed-in space between the open face and the line drawn parallel to it shall be included in the gross tonnage.

Should the open space because of any arrangement, except by convergence of fore and aft bulkheads, become of less width than half the breadth of the deck, then only the space between the line of the opening and a parallel line drawn through the point where the athwartships width of the open space become equal to, or less than, half the breadth of the deck shall be excluded from the gross tonnage of the ship.

When two erections are separated by an open well having an interval the fore and aft length of which is less than the least half breadth of the deck in way of such interval, then whatever be the breadth of the end of opening, the volume of the entire erections less the volume of the interval separating them shall be included in the gross tonnage.

(b) A space under an overhead deck or covering open to the sea and weather, having no other connexion on the exposed sides with the body of the ship than the stanchions necessary for their support; open rails or a bulkhead and curtain plate may be fitted or stanchions fitted at the ship's side provided the open space between the top of the rails or the bulwark and the curtain plate is not less than 3 ft./ (0.9 metres) or one-third the height of the space, whichever is the greater.

(c) A space in a side-to-side erection directly in way of opposite side openings not less in height than 3 ft./ (0.9 metres) or one-third the height of the erection whichever is the greater, not provided with means of closing (and provided they are not used or can be used for the stowage of cargo, stores or equipment, or for the accommodation of any person on board the ship); if the opening is provided on one side only the space excluded from the gross tonnage shall be limited inboard from the opening to a maximum of one half the breadth of the deck in way of the opening.

(d) A space in an erection immediately below an uncovered opening in the deck overhead, exposed to the weather and limited to the area of the opening.

(e) A recess in the boundary bulkhead of an erection, which is exposed to the weather and the opening of which extends from deck to deck without means of closing, provided that the interior width is not greater than the width at the entrance and its extension into the erection is not greater than twice the width of its entrance.

(f) Recessed portions of the hull which are entirely open to the sea, such as the slipway in a Stern Trawler.