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# Miscellaneous openings in freeboard and superstructure decks (Regulation 18(2) & 18(3))

## 1. Regulation 18(2):

(a) Only those doorways in deckhouses leading to or giving access to companionways leading below, need to be fitted with doors in accordance with Regulation 12.

(b) Alternatively, if stairways within a deckhouse are enclosed within properly constructed companionways fitted with doors complying with Regulation 12, the external door need not be watertight.

(c) Where an opening in a superstructure deck or in the top of a deckhouse on the freeboard deck which gives access to a space below the freeboard deck or to a space within an enclosed superstructure is protected by a deckhouse, then it is considered that only those side scuttles fitted in spaces which give direct access to an open stairway need be fitted with deadlights in accordance with Regulation 23. A cabin is considered to provide adequate protection against the minimal amount of water which will enter through a broken side scuttle glass fitted on the second tier.

## 2. Regulation 18(3):

In the application of Regulation 18 it is understood that:

(i) where access is provided from the deck as an alternative to access from the freeboard deck in accordance with Regulation 3(10)(b) then the height of sills into a bridge or poop should be 380 mm. The same consideration should apply to deckhouses on the freeboard deck.

(ii) where access is not provided from above, the height of the sills to doorways in a poop bridge or deckhouse on the freeboard deck should be 600 mm.

(iii) where the closing appliances of access openings in superstructures and deckhouses are not in accordance with Regulation 12, interior deck openings are to be considered exposed, i.e. situated in the open deck.

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### Footnotes:

1. This UI is also applicable to Regulation 18(2) and 18(3) of the 1988 Protocol.
2. Paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (ii) of this UI are also applicable to Regulation 18(2) and (6) of the revised 1988 Protocol respectively.

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