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# LL13 Freeing ports (Regulation 24(1) and 24(5))

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## Regulation 24(1):

On a flush deck ship with a substantial deckhouse amidships it is considered that the deckhouse provides sufficient break to form two wells and that each could be given the required freeing port area based upon the length of the 'well'. It would not then be allowed to base the area upon 0.7L.

In defining a substantial deckhouse it is suggested that the breadth of the deckhouse should be at least 80% of the beam of the vessel, and that the passageways along the side of the ship should not exceed 1.5 m (4.9 ft) in width.

Where a screen bulkhead is fitted completely across the vessel, at the forward end of a midship deck house, this would effectively divide the exposed deck into wells and no limitation on the breadth of the deckhouse is considered necessary in this case.

It is considered that wells on raised quarterdecks should be treated as previously, i.e. as being on freeboard decks.

## Regulation 24(5):

With zero or little sheer on the exposed freeboard deck or an exposed superstructure deck it is considered that the freeing port area should be spread along the length of the well.

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Footnote: This UI is also applicable to Regulation 24(1) and 24(5) of the 1988 Protocol.

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