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# LL8 Miscellaneous openings in freeboard and superstructure decks (Regulation 18(2) & 18(3))

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## 1. Regulation 18(2):

- (a) Only those doorways in companionways or deckhouses leading to or giving access to stairways 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 weathertight.
- (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 above 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 shall be at least 380 mm. The same consideration shall apply to deckhouses on the freeboard deck.

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Note:

1. This UI is applicable to Regulation 18(2) and 18(3) of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966.
2. Paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (ii) of this UI are also applicable to Regulation 18(2) and (6) of the 1988 Protocol as amended by Resolution MSC.143(77) respectively.
3. Rev.2 of this UI is to be applied by all IACS Societies for ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2022.
4. The “contracted for construction” date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of “contract for construction”, refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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(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 shall be at least 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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