types of beams are use, the arrangements shall ensure that the beams remain properly in position when the hatchway is closed.

(f) **Cleats.** (1) Cleats shall be set to fit the taper of the wedges. They shall be at least 2 1/4 inches wide and spaced not more than 23 1/2 inches center to center; the cleats along each side or end shall be not more than 6 inches from the hatch corners.

(g) **Battens and wedges.** (1) Battens and wedges shall be efficient and in good condition. Wedges shall have a taper of not more than 1 in 6 and shall be not less than 1/2-inch thick at the toes.

(h) **Tarpaulins.** (1) At least two layers of tarpaulin in good condition shall be provided for each hatchway in positions 1 and 2.

(2) The tarpaulins shall be waterproof and of ample strength. They shall be of a material of at least a standard weight and quality as approved by the assigning and issuing authority.

(i) **Security of hatchway covers.** (1) For all hatchways in position 1 or 2, steel bars or other equivalent means shall be provided in order efficiently and independently to secure each section of hatchway covers after the tarpaulins are battened down. Hatchway covers of more than 4.9 feet in length shall be secured by at least two such securing appliances.

§ 42.15–35 Machinery space openings.

(a) **Machinery space openings.** At positions 1 and 2 the height above the deck of hatchway openings fitted with weathertight hatch covers of steel or other equivalent material shall be equal to or greater than the height of the opening. Hatchway openings shall be provided with doors complying with the requirements of § 42.15–10(a), the sills of which shall be at least 23 1/2 inches above the deck.
§ 42.15–40 Miscellaneous openings in freeboard and superstructure decks.

(a) Manholes and flush scuttles in position 1 or 2 or within superstructures other than enclosed superstructures shall be closed by substantial covers capable of being made weathertight. Unless secured by closely spaced bolts, the covers shall be permanently attached.

(b) Openings in freeboard decks other than hatchways, machinery space openings, manholes, and flush scuttles shall be protected by an enclosed superstructure, or by a deckhouse or companionway of equivalent strength and weathertightness. Any such opening in an exposed superstructure deck or in the top of a deckhouse on the freeboard deck which gives access to a space below the freeboard deck or a space within an enclosed superstructure shall be protected by an efficient deckhouse or companionway. Doorways in such deckhouses or companionways shall be fitted with doors complying with the requirements of § 42.15–10(a).

(c) In position 1 the height above the deck of sills to the doorways in companionways shall be at least 23½ inches. In position 2 they shall be at least 15 inches.

[CGFR 68–60, 33 FR 10061, July 12, 1968, as amended by CGFR 68–126, 34 FR 9014, June 5, 1969]

§ 42.15–45 Ventilators.

(a) Ventilators in position 1 or 2 to spaces below the freeboard decks or decks of enclosed superstructures shall have coamings of steel or other equivalent material, substantially constructed and efficiently connected to the deck. Where the coaming of any ventilator exceeds 35½ inches in height it shall be specially supported.

(b) Ventilators passing through superstructures other than enclosed superstructures shall have substantially constructed coamings of steel or other equivalent material at the freeboard deck.

(c) Ventilators in position 1 the coamings of which extend to more than 14.8 feet above the deck, and in position 2 the coamings of which extend to more than 7.5 feet above the deck, need not be fitted with closing arrangements unless specifically required by the assigning authority.

(d) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section ventilator openings shall be provided with efficient weathertight closing appliances. In vessels of not more than 328 feet in length the closing appliances shall be permanently attached; where not so provided in other vessels, they shall be conveniently stowed near the ventilators to which they are to be fitted. Ventilators in position 1 shall have coamings of a height of at least 35½ inches above the deck; in position 2 the coamings shall be of a height at least 30 inches above the deck.

(e) In exposed positions, the height of coamings may be required to be increased to the satisfaction of the assigning authority.

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§ 42.15–50 Air pipes.

(a) Where air pipes to ballast and other tanks extend above the freeboard or superstructure decks, the exposed parts of the pipes shall be of substantial construction; the height from the deck to the point where water may have access below shall be at least 30 inches on the freeboard deck and 17½ inches on the superstructure deck. Where these heights may interfere with the working of the vessel, a lower height may be approved, provided the assigning authority is satisfied that the closing arrangements and other circumstances justify a lower height.