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(c) Category YELLOW-II or YELLOW-III packages or overpacks must not be transported in spaces occupied by passengers, except those exclusively reserved for couriers specially authorized to accompany such packages or overpacks.

(d) The separation distances for crew members and passengers may be determined by one of two methods:

(1) By using Table IV to determine the minimum distances between the radioactive material packages and regularly occupied spaces or living quarters; or

(2) For one or more consignments of Class 7 (radioactive) material to be loaded on board a vessel under the exclusive use conditions described in §176.704(f), by demonstration through direct measurement, made and documented by a suitably qualified person, that for the indicated exposure times the dose rate in regularly occupied spaces or living quarters is less than—

(i) For the crew: 7.0 μSv/h (0.70 mrem/h) up to 700 hours in a year, or 1.8 μSv/h (0.18 mrem/h) up to 2750 hours in a year; and

(ii) For the passengers: 1.8 μSv/h (0.18 mrem/h) up to 550 hours in a year, taking into account any relocation of cargo during the voyage.

(e) Any departure from the segregation provisions should be approved by the competent authority of the flag state of the ship and, when requested, by the competent authority at each port of call.

(f) Table IV is as follows:
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**Sum of transport indexes of the packages**

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<tr>
<th>Cargo thickness in feet (unit density)</th>
<th>Minimum distance in feet from undeveloped film and plates</th>
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<td>X</td>
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**NOTE:**

1. X—indicates that thickness of screening cargo is sufficient without any additional segregation distance.
2. By using 6 feet of intervening unit density cargo for persons and 10 feet for film and plates, no distance shielding is necessary for any length of voyage specified.
3. Using 1 steel bulkhead or steel deck—multiply segregation distance by 0.8. Using 2 steel bulkheads or steel decks—multiply segregation distance by 0.64.
4. "Cargo of Unit Density" means cargo stowed at a density of 1 ton (long) per 36 cubic feet; where the density is less than this the depth of cargo specified must be increased in proportion.
5. "Minimum distance" means the least in any direction whether vertical or horizontal from the outer surface of the nearest package.
6. The figures below the double line of the table shall be used in those cases where the appropriate provisions of this class permit the sum of the transport indices to exceed 200.
7. Not to be carried unless screening by other cargo and bulkheads can be arranged in accordance with the other columns.