

INLAND SHIPPING(PASSENGER)Rules ,2001

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1. Brief superscription :

This rules will be designated as “The Inland Shipping (Passenger) rules,2001”

2. Definitions:

(i) For the purpose of present ordinance, unless expressly provided otherwise:

- a. “Ordinance” means The Inland Shipping Ordinance,1976(LXXII of 1976)
- b. “Ship” or “ Inland ship” means “Inland ship” as termed in section 2(e) of this rules.
- c. “ Inland water ways’ means “Inland water” as termed in section 2(e) of this rules.
- d. “ New Ship” means as ship registered on or after the date of coming into force of the present ordinance.
- e. “BIWTA” means Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority
- f. “BIWTC” means Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation
- g. “ Passengers” means any person other than Ship’s Master, Officers and crew, but child less than age of 01 year will not be considered as a passenger.

3. Application :

Unless expressly provided otherwise, this rules shall be applicable to every inland ships

4. Passenger Spaces:

Defined spaces for passengers i.e. passenger cabins on any ship, toilets, saloon, corridor, stairs and reserved free deck space shall be treated as passenger spaces.

5. Restricted spaces for passengers

Passengers shall not be allowed to enter into following spaces during steaming of vessels:

- a) All spaces under bulkhead (main weathertight) deck
- b) Space forward of deck house or weather deck structure at mooring & anchoring space
- c) Aft mooring space, if available
- d) All other decks having no guardrails or having guardrails of less than 0.9m height
- e) Deck above wheel house
- f) Wheel house, Engine room and similar spaces designated for ship’s operation
- g) Defined spaces for ship’s crews
- h) Defined spaces for providing different services
- i) Other prohibited spaces

6. Open/common spaces for passengers

- i) Only deck areas with shed shall be considered for calculation of open deck spaces for passengers
- ii) Following spaces shall not be considered for calculation of open deck spaces for passengers
 - a) Passenger cabins and corridors
 - b) Areas having furnitures permanently secured to any structure or other way
 - c) Passenger sanitary spaces
 - d) Spaces defined for essential items sale
 - e) Stairs, under stair spaces and surrounding spaces
 - f) Hatch opening spaces
 - g) Spaces adjacent to engine room
 - h) Any other spaces which are not considered accessible for passengers in the opinion of surveyor
- iii) 15% area open deck breadth must be kept free for passenger movement
- iv) 5% area of open spaces shall be kept reserved for baggages

7. Defining passenger capacity of inland vessel

Inland vessels passenger capacity shall be defined in following way:

- a) One passenger for each chair and bunk in all classes
- b) In case of bench:
 - i) 0.5m wide seat for each 3rd class or Inter class passenger
 - ii) 0.6m wide seat for each 1st & 2nd class passenger
- c) In cases where there are no designated seating spaces, passenger capacity shall be calculated as under during operation at day light hours and calm weather for open deck spaces
 - i) 1.25 Sq.m area for each 3rd class passenger
 - ii) 1.75 Sq.m area for each 2nd class passenger
 - iii) 2.75 Sq.m area for each 1st class passenger
- d) 2(Two) children of less than 12 years age shall be counted as 1(one) adult
- e) For operation at night hours & calm weather, passenger capacity shall be calculated as 2/3rd (two third) of passenger capacity calculated during operation at day light hours and calm water for open deck spaces
- f) For operation at day light hours & rough weather, passenger capacity shall be calculated as 2/3rd (two third) of passenger capacity calculated during operation at day light hours and calm weather for open deck spaces
- g) For operation at night hours & rough weather, passenger capacity shall be calculated as 1/2(half) of passenger capacity calculated during operation at day light hours and calm weather for open deck spaces

- h) The number of passenger shall be limited such that if all passengers move to port or starboard half area during calm weather condition, the vessel's list shall not exceed 10° and
- i) For calculation of vessel's list to port & starboard, each passenger weight shall be considered as 75(seventy five) Kilogram.

8. Placement of furnitures :

- i) For permanent seating arrangement, clear space in front of benches or chairs shall be 0.5meter for 3rd class passengers and 0.6meter for 1st & 2nd class passengers.
- ii) Furniture not permanently secured with any structure shall be secured using ropes etc so that it will not displace from its place during rolling or list
- iii) When there are warning of adverse weather condition, furniture not permanently secured with any structure shall be secured using ropes etc.
- iv) Seating arrangement & furniture permanently secured with any structure shall be secured such that it will not displace from its place during rolling or list

9. Sanitation(Toilet & Washroom) spaces

- i) Following sanitation arrangement shall be provided to all inland passenger vessels
 - a) At least 1(one) toilet for 2nd and 3rd class passengers and 1(one) additional toilet for each 50(fifty) passengers of both class
 - b) At least 1(one) toilet for 1st class passengers and 1(one) additional toilet for each 20(twenty) passengers of this class
- ii) Wash basin shall be provided to each toilet
- iii) 1(one) additional toilet shall be provided for women if number of passengers exceed 100(one hundred)
- iv) At least 1(one) toilet and wash basin shall be provided at each deck and flushing arrangement for toilet closet to be provided(low down)
- v) Above requirement shall be applicable to new ships only and existing ships shall comply the requirement to the extent possible.

10. Spaces for women and Children

- i) Inland passenger vessels having capacity of 100(one hundred) or more passengers shall have space reserved for women and children which shall not be less than 10% of total passenger space.
- ii) Adequate weatherproof lighting and ventilation arrangement shall be ensured to space mentioned in(i)

11. Change room for passenger privacy

For ensuring passenger privacy, a change room for exchange of dress shall be provided to passenger vessels operating at night with more than 200(two hundred) passengers.

12. Safety fence and guard rails

- i) The height of safety fence or guardrail shall not be less than 900mm(Nine hundred) and it shall be designed such that no child will fall down to water through this fence or railing.
- ii) The stanchions for railing shall not be fitted at a distance more than 200mm
- iii) Safety fence and guardrails shall be fitted surrounding all decks designated for passenger use and such fence/railings shall not be attached to vertical partition.

13. Exit Passages:

- i) Passengers walkway, stairs, doors and exit passages shall be of at least 0.8m width .
- ii) Cabin and other small space doors shall not be of width less than specified in (i) i.e. 0.8m
- iii) At least two exit passages shall be provided from passenger spaces for going to open deck. The width of one passage shall be at least 800mm(eight hundred) and width of other one shall be at least 600mm(six hundred).
- iv) If passenger space mentioned in (iii) shall be for 50(fifty) or more passengers then the width of both exit passages shall be at least 800mm(eight hundred).
- v) If there is only one exit passage for passengers than the width of exit passage shall be at least 1000mm(one thousand) which can be reduced to 800mm(eight hundred) in case of open passenger launch
- vi) Passenger space for 80(eighty) or more passengers, the width of each exit passages shall be at least 15mm(fifteen) per passenger to use in case of emergency

14. Emergency exit :

- i) Passenger space having only one exit shall be fitted with at least one emergency exit of size 600mmX600mm and opening outward type.
- ii) If vessel is provided with life boat or life raft then safety exit and emergency exit passages shall be arranged such that it will lead to life boat/life raft deck.

15. Embarkation & Disembarkation

- i) Open deck spaces and embarkation/disembarkation arrangement safety shall be ensured making same arrangement mentioned in rule (12)
- ii) Accommodation gangway width shall be at least 600mm(six hundred) and shall be fitted with hand rail or safety arrangement with rope.
- iii) If ship able to produce it's electrical power then gangways shall be illuminated by flood lights. If ship does not have capacity to produce it's own electrical power than gangways shall be illuminated with alternate means.
- iv) Passengers shall not be embarked or disembarked while loading or unloading any goods.

16. Doors

All passenger space doors shall have outward opening arrangement or sliding opening arrangement except passenger cabin doors in way of alleyways. The doors shall be designed such that no unauthorized person(s) can lock the doors.

17. Obstructions

- i) There will be no obstructions to exit passages, emergency exit passages and stairs.
- ii) Covers or canvasses fitted to shell opening of passenger launches shall be arranged such that it can be removed easily at emergency.
- iii) Openings shall not be covered with ropes or nets to ensure no obstruction to exit at emergency

18. Dangerous Goods

Dangerous goods listed in inland ship(dangerous goods) transport rules 2001 shall not be allowed to carry on passenger vessels or launches.

19. Conditions to allow passengers embarkation or to offload passengers

i) Ship's master or inland vessel owner or any employee duly empowered by master for this purpose can allow or refuse any person(s) as passenger of inland passenger vessels, if such person(s)

- a) has/have not paid the fare
- b) mentally disable person(s) alone
- c) infected with a contagious or spreading disease
- d) mad or person(s) unable to take his responsibility
- e) Person(s) with unruly behavior or remain in an unusual condition or demonstrate a behavior for which other feel disturbed or might be disturbed
- f) No seat available to inland passenger vessel or class to which person(s) intend to travel

ii) Any passenger

- a) Shall not be allowed to travel to a class other than for which has paid the fare
- b) Shall not be allowed to travel beyond the destination for which fare is paid without prior payment of additional fare
- c) Shall not be allowed to travel on another date other than date for which fare is paid
- d) Shall not make any change or alter the ticket such that it become unreadable
- e) Shall not or shall not try to carry illegal goods or goods for which fare has not been paid

iii) To Ship's master or inland vessel owner or any employee duly empowered by master for this purpose, each passenger

- a) Shall pay unpaid fare
- b) Shall furnish ticket and receipt of goods fare, if carrying
- c) Shall furnish ticket at destination

iv) Passenger(s) shall be entitled to get back paid fare if any passenger(s) shall not be allowed to travel.

20. Code of conduct for inland vessel passengers

i) Inland vessel passenger(s)

- a) shall not be allowed to carry or keep with on board any rotten meat, fish or vegetable or any other harmful foods
- b) shall not be allowed to resist or interfere ship's master or any officer or crew in discharging his duty
- c). shall not resist or interfere to embark or disembark other passengers or can not resist to load or unload goods
 - d) shall not be allowed to damage or try to damage any items/goods of the ship
 - e) shall not be allowed to embark/disembark or try to embark/disembark to other ship during steaming of the vessel
 - f) shall not be allowed to enter to any cabin or place or reserved area for use of another passenger or crew other than legal rights. Or shall not be allowed to refuse to leave such places if ordered by ship's master or officer or crew.
 - g) Shall not be allowed to smoke or to keep fire or to keep open light in spaces where smoking or keeping open light is prohibited
 - h) Shall not be allowed to take drugs or show unruly behavior
 - i) Shall not be allowed to show disturbing character or unruly deed or unruly behavior
 - j) Shall not be allowed to interfere to comfort or personal life of other passenger(s)
- ii) No male passenger can enter into the reserved cabin or spaces for women other than carrying out law enforcing activities. Male person(s) must leave the place if requested by ship's master or officer or crew
- iii) Passenger(s) shall not be allowed to enter or stay any place other than his/her/their designated place. Passenger(s) are bound to leave the place when requested by crew if found in any such place

21. Protective measures to prevent spread of pandemic

- i) Whenever cholera or any other harmful pandemic spread on board an inland passenger vessel , then master without delay
 - a) shall shift the patient along with his bag, baggage, water jar and foods to extreme end at a part on aft deck and keep him separated for passengers, as required.
 - b) all discharges, vomits and urines etc of patient shall be cleaned with disinfectant
 - c) shall arrange medical treatment of the patient at nearby land station and admit patient into nearby hospital
 - d) inland passenger vessel's deck shall be properly cleaned and washed with disinfectant after patient offloaded from the ship and living spaces/cabins shall be disinfected using disinfectant.
 - e). shall wash and disinfect all passengers & crews living & working spaces after disembarking all passengers at destination.
- ii) If cholera or any other harmful pandemic spread on board an inland passenger vessel while vessel at land station then decks, living spaces and working spaces shall be washed & disinfected with disinfectant. Master shall not start voyage unless patient is offloaded.

iii) If patient died on board then dead body shall be covered with disinfectant wetted cloth and shall be handed over to patient's relatives or friends taking signature of receipt. If no relatives or friends found, the dead body shall be handed over to police taking signature.

iv) At least 5(five) ltrs of disinfectant shall be kept on board.

22. Inland vessel movement restriction

i). Any ship or boat not registered under Inland shipping Ordinance 1976 shall not be allowed to embark or disembark within 1(one) kilometer distance of BIWTA or BIWTC stations or Ghats.

ii) Any open passenger launch of less than 20m length shall not be allowed to operate in rough weather for more than 2hrs

iii) No inland passenger vessel shall be allowed to operate outside inland waterway .

By order of the President

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