CHAPTER 18
SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO WORKSITE CRAFT

18.1 GENERAL

18-1.1 Worksite craft designated as such in the Ship’s certificate set out in Appendix 2 may navigate outside worksites only when unladen. That restriction shall be entered on the Ship’s certificate. For this purpose worksite craft shall have a certificate issued by the Administration indicating the duration of works and the geographical boundaries of the worksite in which the craft may be operated.

18-1.2 Unless otherwise specified in this Chapter the construction and equipment of worksite craft shall be in line with Chapters 3 to 14.

18-2 Derogations

18-2.1 The Administration may grant derogations from the following requirements:
   (i) Sections 3-4.1.1 to 3-4.1.4, shall apply mutatis mutandis;
   (ii) Chapters 5 and 6 shall apply mutatis mutandis where the craft is self-propelled;
   (iii) Section 10-1.4.5, shall apply mutatis mutandis;
   (iv) the Administration may grant exceptions to the other requirements concerning construction, arrangement and equipment provided that equivalent safety is proven in every case.

18-2.2 The Administration may dispense with the following provisions:
   (i) Sections 8-1.6.2 to 8-1.6.8, if no crew is required;
   (ii) Sections 10-1.2.1 and 10-1.3.1, if the worksite craft can be securely anchored by means of working anchors or piles. However, self-propelled worksite craft shall be equipped with at least one anchor meeting the requirements set out in section 10-1.2.1, where coefficient k is taken to be 45 and T is taken to be the lowest height, or in 10-1.2.2;
   (iii) Article 10.02(1)(c), if the worksite craft is not self-propelled.⁴

18-3 Safety clearance and freeboard

18-3.1 If a worksite craft is used as a reclamation barge or a hopper barge the safety clearance outside the hold area shall be at least 300 mm and the freeboard at least 150 mm. The Administration may permit a smaller freeboard if proof by calculation is provided that stability is sufficient for a cargo having a specific mass of 1,5 t/m³ and that no side of the deck reaches the water. The effect of liquefied cargo shall be taken into account.

18-3.2 The provisions of section 4-4.4 shall apply mutatis mutandis to worksite craft not covered by 18-3.1. The Administration may determine values departing from the above for safety clearance and freeboard.

18-4 Attestation of a recognised classification society

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⁴ No similar section available
The administration may consider the requirements of 18-3 to be met by craft built in conformity with the rules of a recognised classification society, which shall be confirmed by an attestation of that society.

18-5 Ship's boats

18-5.1 Worksite craft shall not be required to have a ship's boat where:
   (i) they are not self-propelled or
   (ii) a ship's boat is available elsewhere on the worksite.
That derogation shall be entered on the Ship’s certificate.