

[<sup>F1</sup>ANNEX III

**GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER SHIPS AND  
HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER CRAFT FOR PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY**  
(as referred to in Article 8)

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by [Commission Directive 2010/36/EU of 1 June 2010 amending Directive 2009/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety rules and standards for passenger ships \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

In applying the guidelines of this Annex, Member States shall follow the IMO MSC/Circ.735, entitled 'Recommendation on the design and operation of passenger ships to respond to elderly and disabled persons' needs'.

**1. ACCESS TO THE SHIP**

The ships should be constructed and equipped in such a way that a person with reduced mobility can embark and disembark easily and safely, and can be ensured access between decks, either unassisted or by means of ramps, elevators or lifts. Directions to such access should be posted at the other accesses to the ship and at other appropriate locations throughout the ship.

**2. SIGNS**

Signs provided on a ship to aid passengers should be accessible and easy to read for persons with reduced mobility, (including persons with sensory disabilities), and be positioned at key points.

**3. MEANS TO COMMUNICATE MESSAGES**

The operator should have the means onboard the vessel visually and verbally to provide announcements, such as those regarding delays, schedule changes and on-board services, to persons with various forms of reduced mobility.

**4. ALARM**

The alarm system and alarm buttons must be designed so as to be accessible by and to alert all passengers with reduced mobility, including persons with sensory disabilities and persons with learning disabilities.

**5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ENSURING MOBILITY INSIDE THE SHIP**

Handrails, corridors and passageways, doorways and doors shall accommodate the movement of a person in a wheelchair. Elevators, vehicle decks, passenger lounges, accommodation and washrooms shall be designed in order to be accessible in a reasonable and proportionate manner to persons with reduced mobility.]