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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Sidelights
Reference	COLREG 1972 Annex 1,

Sidelights

Interpretation to COLREG 1972 Annex 1 Section 3 (b)

Annex 1, Section 3(b) reads: On power-driven vessels of 20 m or more in length the sidelights shall not be placed in front of the forward masthead lights. They shall be placed at or near the side of the vessel.

Interpretation

The term "near the side" is interpreted as being a distance of not more than 10% of the breadth of the vessel inboard from the side, up to a maximum of 1 m.

Where the application of above requirement is impractical (e.g. small ships with superstructure of reduced width) exemption may be given on the basis of the Flag Authority acceptance.

REFERENCES:

- **COLREG 1972 Annex 1 Section 3 (b)**

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Kindest Regards,

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