TECHNICAL CIRCULAR

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Related Requirement: 2008 SPS Code and Res. MSC 408(96) Subject: Required subdivision index R for special purpose ships

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- **1.** The subdivision and damage stability of special purpose ships should in general be in accordance with SOLAS chapter II-1 where the ship is considered a passenger ship, and special personnel are considered passengers, with an *R*-value calculated as follows:
 - .1 where the ship is certified to carry 240 persons or more, the R-value is assigned as R;
 - .2 where the ship is certified to carry not more than 60 persons, the *R*-value is assigned as 0.8*R*; and
 - .3 for more than 60 (but not more than 240) persons, the *R*-value should be determined by linear interpolation between the *R*-values given in .1 and .2 above.

Where:

R=1-(5,000/(Ls+2.5N+15,225))

 $N = N_1 + 2N_2$

 N_I = number of persons for whom lifeboats are provided

 N_2 = number of persons (including officers and crew) the ship is permitted to carry in excess of N_1

2. Where the conditions of service are such that compliance with paragraph 2.2 above on the basis of $N = N_1 + 2N_2$ is impracticable and where the Administration considers that a suitably reduced degree of hazard exists, a lesser value of N may be taken but in no case less than $N = N_1 + N_2$.