

SRS 13.11 (K) & 13.12 (M) amendment – 1 July 2022

13.11 (K) Storm coverings shall be fitted for all windows more than 1852cm² in area.

13.12 (M) Storm coverings for exposed windows more than 1858cm² in area shall be fitted.

Replaced with:

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For any windows greater than 1852cm² the material must be of a recognized medium such as laminated glass, toughened glass, acrylic or polycarbonate and be of a specification that minimizes the likelihood of them breaking.

The window mounting structure must be designed and constructed in such a way that the windows are unlikely to stove in or burst out. Refer to Appendix 9

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- 1. More and more vessels are being fitted with large, reinforced windows. While the window material itself has considerable strength, the method of fastening often relies on no more than sealant. If flexing of the area occurs in a seaway the failure of the sealant could lead to the loss of the entire window.*
- 2. Where a method of retaining such windows is required, fastening may be in the form of through bolted frames.*
- 3. Shutters fitted for the voyage or knees / mullions that reduce the size of the windows are acceptable.*
- 4. An international classification to determine whether a vessel is suitable for an offshore voyage should not necessarily be relied upon especially as the vessel gets older.*

In all cases where a physical change or alteration is required to the window system a certificate from a builder, engineer or designer stating that the window, structure and fastening is adequate is required.