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Sanitary drainage, sewage disposal pipes**

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## Foreword

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ISO 15749 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures*:

- *Part 1: Sanitary drainage-system design*
- *Part 2: Sanitary drainage, drain piping for gravity systems*
- *Part 3: Sanitary drainage, drain piping for vacuum systems*
- *Part 4: Sanitary drainage, sewage disposal pipes*
- *Part 5: Drainage of decks, cargo spaces and swimming pools*

# Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures —

## Part 4: Sanitary drainage, sewage disposal pipes

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15749 applies to the design of sewage disposal pipes within the framework of sanitary drainage on ships and marine structures.

For planning and basic requirements, see ISO 15749-1.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4200, *Plain end steel tubes, welded and seamless — General tables of dimensions and masses per unit length*

ISO 9329-1, *Seamless steel tubes for pressure purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 1: Unalloyed steels with specified room temperature properties*

ISO 9330-1, *Welded steel tubes for pressure purposes — Technical delivery conditions — Part 1: Unalloyed steel tubes with specified room temperature properties*

ISO 15749-1, *Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures — Part 1: Sanitary drainage-system design*

ISO 15749-5, *Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures — Part 5: Drainage of decks, cargo spaces and swimming pools*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15749-1 apply.

## 4 Disposal

### 4.1 General

For the disposal of wastewater from sanitary drainage systems, a distinction is made between:

- overboard wastewater disposal via a wastewater storage unit and disposal pipes overboard or to a connection from where it is transferred to an external disposal point (see 4.2);

NOTE Wastewater storage units according to this part of ISO 15749 are collector tanks, sewage treatment plants, or vacuum generating units for the respective facilities

- discharge directly overboard via gravity drain lines (see 4.4).

### 4.2 Disposal points with storage units

#### 4.2.1 Disposal piping system

Disposal lines from storage units to disposal points shall be designed as pressure lines; for details see Figure 1.

Figure 1 shows a simplified example of routing of disposal lines within the framework of a sanitary drainage system, leading from the storage unit (e.g. collector tank, sewage treatment plant) to the disposal points.

#### 4.2.2 Discharge over the side

##### 4.2.2.1 Closing devices

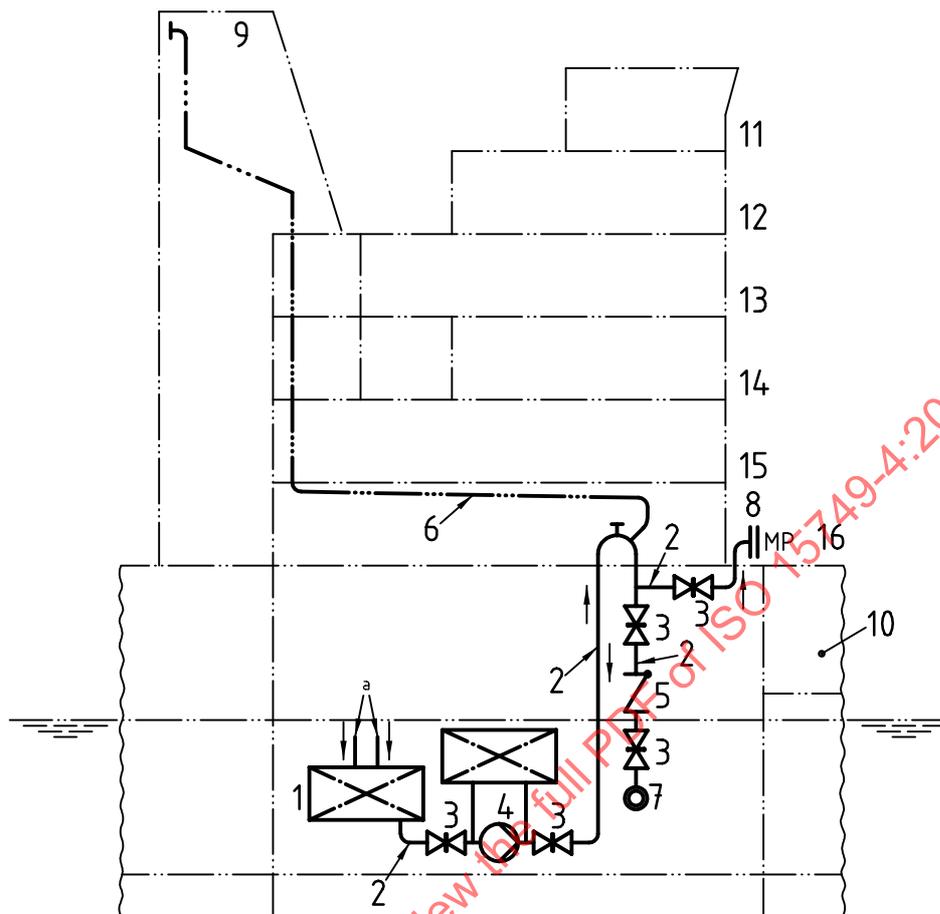
As closing devices, fittings shall be installed in the disposal piping section between the wastewater pump and the wastewater outlet (piping section Z); see Figure 2. Closing devices shall be certified by the classification societies.

The arrangement, number, and type of fittings depends on the vertical distance from the summer loadline/bulkhead deck of the lowest opening (drain).

NOTE Such openings (drains) also include, for example, emergency overflows of sewage treatment plants or openings for dosing of chemicals.

##### 4.2.2.2 Drains

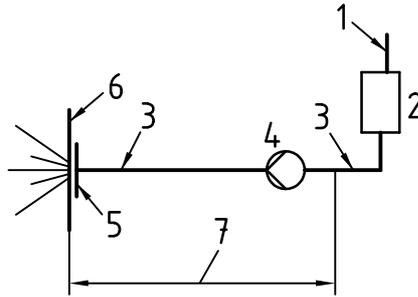
4.2.2.2.1 In the disposal pipe, a screw-down non-return valve shall be installed at the shell. If it is not possible to place the shutoff fitting directly at the shell, the pipe from the shell to the shutoff fitting has to be designed thick-walled, see 6.1 and Figure 3.



**Key**

- |   |  |    |                                     |
|---|--|----|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | sewage treatment plant, collector tank or vacuum generating unit for these installations | 9  | funnel                              |
| 2 | disposal pipe  | 10 | cargo space                         |
| 3 | valve  | 11 | bridge                              |
| 4 | wastewater pump  | 12 | 4 <sup>th</sup> superstructure deck |
| 5 | non-return valve   | 13 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> superstructure deck |
| 6 | vent line  | 14 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> superstructure deck |
| 7 | wastewater outlet in the shell   | 15 | 1 <sup>st</sup> superstructure deck |
| 8 | international wastewater shore connection (MARPOL-flange)                                | 16 | freeboard/bulkhead deck             |
- a Wastewater from accommodation areas and service spaces.

**Figure 1 — Example of a sewage disposal system with storage unit upstream of the discharge point**

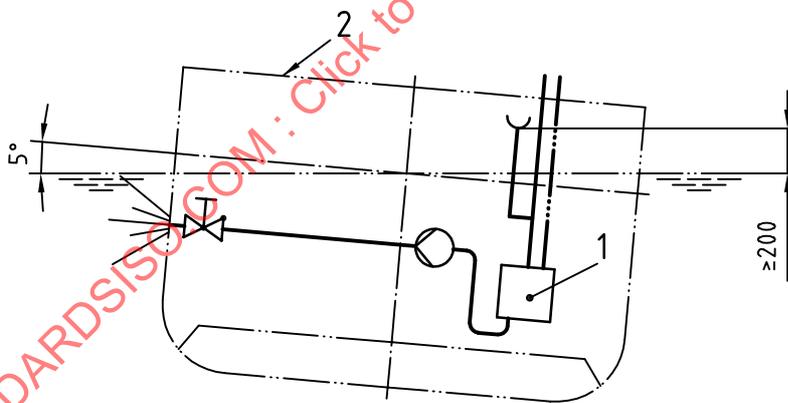


**Key**

- 1 drain line
- 2 storage unit (e.g. collector tank or sewage treatment plant)
- 3 sewage disposal pipe
- 4 pump
- 5 wastewater outlet
- 6 shell
- 7 piping section Z

**Figure 2 — Piping section Z**

Dimensions in millimetres



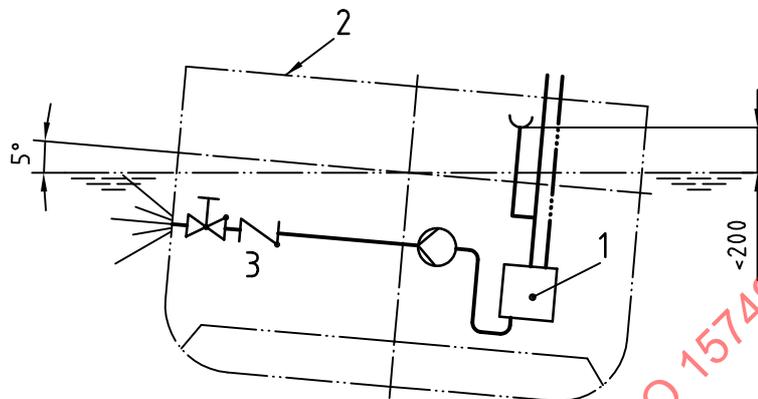
**Key**

- 1 wastewater storage unit
- 2 freeboard deck

**Figure 3 — Example to 4.2.2.2.1**

**4.2.2.2.2** When, in the case of a 5° list of the ship to port or starboard, the lowest inner opening of the drainage system is less than 200 mm above the summer load line, then a further non-return fitting shall be provided in the suction or pressure line of wastewater pumps of wastewater tanks or sewage treatment plants (see Figure 4).

Dimensions in millimetres



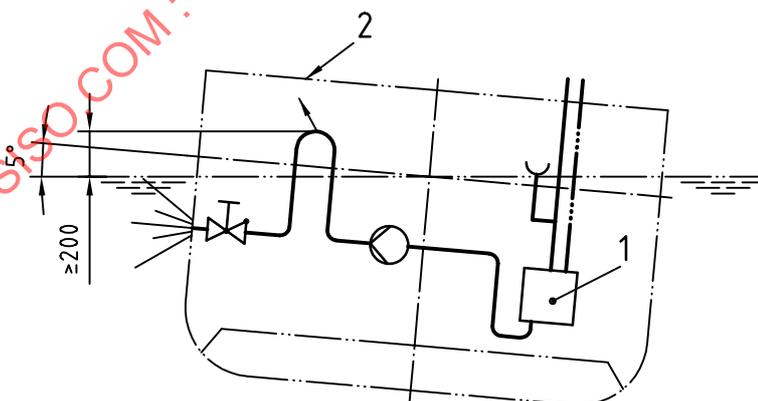
**Key**

- 1 wastewater storage unit
- 2 freeboard deck
- 3 to be installed upstream or downstream of the pump

**Figure 4 — Example to 4.2.2.2.2**

**4.2.2.2.3** A pipe loop can be applied as a second non-return fitting, provided that its crest overflow is at least 200 mm above the waterline with the ship on summer loadline draft and when the ship has a 5° list (see Figure 5).

Dimensions in millimetres

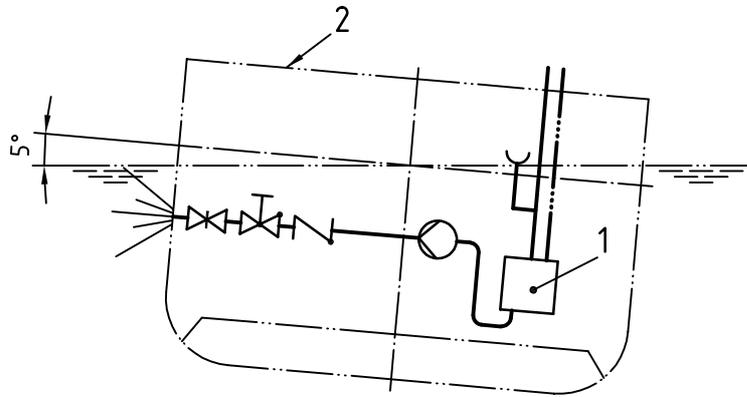


**Key**

- 1 wastewater unit
- 2 freeboard deck

**Figure 5 — Example to 4.2.2.2.3**

4.2.2.2.4 When, in the case of a 5° list of the ship loaded to the summer loadline, the deepest inner opening of the drainage system lies on the waterline or lower, a gate valve at the outlet of the pipe at the shell shall be provided in addition to the second non-return fitting mentioned in 4.2.2.2.2. In this case, the non-return valve need not be provided with a means of closing (see Figure 6).



**Key**

- 1 storage unit or sewage treatment plant
- 2 freeboard deck

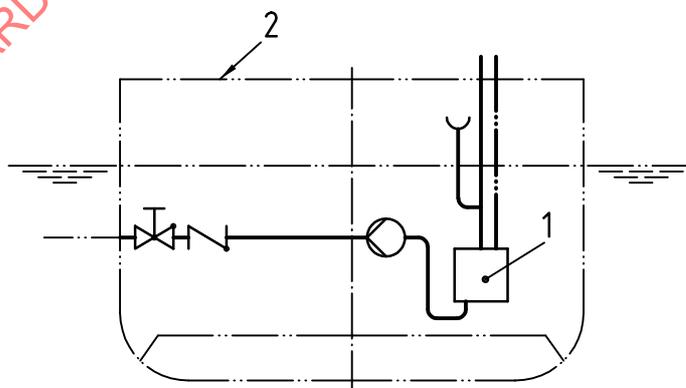
**Figure 6 — Example to 4.2.2.2.4**

4.2.2.2.5 When, on passenger ships, the deepest inner opening of the wastewater system is below the bulkhead deck, a shutoff non-return valve and a second non-return fitting shall be provided in the disposal pipe of sewage treatment plants (see Figure 7). In such a case, a gate valve, as well as two non-return fittings, shall be provided for the disposal pipe of wastewater collector tanks (see Figure 8).

A second non-return fitting may be substituted with a pipe loop, the crest of which shall be at least 200 mm above the bulkhead deck.

On condition that, on passenger ships, drains are located above the bulkhead deck only, and on condition that no wastewater can leak from the collector tank or the sewage treatment plant into spaces below the bulkhead deck, Figure 7 may be followed. Piping section Z shall be fitted with a shutoff fitting at the shell and a self-closing non-return valve.

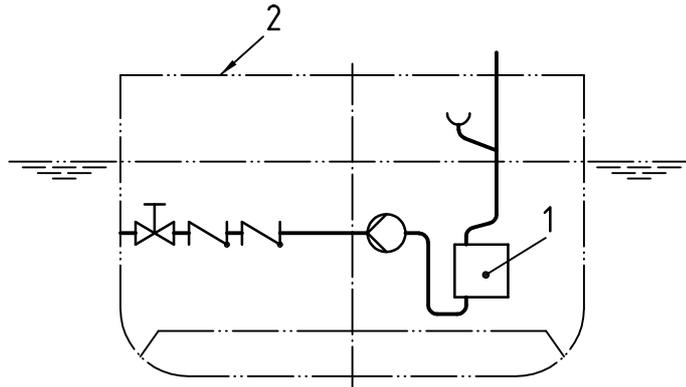
In the case of pumps installed in parallel, a shutoff fitting shall be provided at the discharge side of each pump.



**Key**

- 1 sewage treatment plant
- 2 bulkhead deck

**Figure 7 — Example 1 to 4.2.2.2.5**

**Key**

- 1 wastewater unit
- 2 bulkhead deck

**Figure 8 — Example 2 to 4.2.2.2.5**

### 4.2.3 Discharge to an external disposal point (shore connection)

#### 4.2.3.1 General

The wastewater disposal pipe shall be routed to wastewater discharge connections that are sited on deck such that the wastewater can be disposed of over the port or starboard side.

#### 4.2.3.2 Wall thickness of piping

Type N steel pipes according to Table 1 are sufficient for the disposal piping in the entire area.

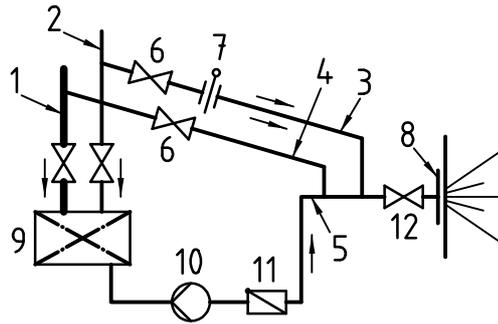
#### 4.2.3.3 Wastewater discharge connection

The wastewater discharge connection shall have a flange for the international wastewater shore connection (MARPOL flange).

## 4.3 Discharge via a bypass line

### 4.3.1 General

In areas where the disposal of sewage to sea is permitted, it may be discharged directly overboard through a by-pass line. Figure 9 shows an example of such an arrangement.



**Key**

- |   |                            |    |  |
|---|----------------------------|----|--|
| 1 | sewage water drain line    | 7  | shutoff by means of spectacle flange, optional |
| 2 | grey water drain line      | 8  | wastewater discharge in shell                  |
| 3 | bypass line for sewage     | 9  | storage unit (e.g. collector tank)             |
| 4 | bypass line for grey water | 10 | pump   |
| 5 | sewage disposal line       | 11 | non-return valve                               |
| 6 | shutoff gate valve         | 12 | closing device at shell                        |

**Figure 9 — Bypass line**

**4.3.2 Pipe routing**

In gravity drain piping, the bypass line connects the main sewer for sewage directly with the wastewater disposal pipe, which leads from the wastewater unit to a discharge outlet in the shell.

At the inlet of this line, a shutoff gate valve shall be fitted, followed by an additional shutoff device.

In the direction of flow, the bypass line should feed into the sewage disposal pipe at a point as close to the closing device fittings at the shell as possible.

Closing devices in the bypass line shall be fitted in accordance with 4.4.

**4.3.3 Closing devices**

In gravity drain piping, the closing devices at the shell shall meet the minimum requirements specified in Clause 5.

**4.4 Discharge directly over the side from closed spaces via drain lines**

**4.4.1 Basic considerations**

Drain lines leading from spaces below the freeboard deck/bulkhead deck, or from closed, weathertight spaces on the freeboard deck/bulkhead deck, shall be fitted with closing devices in accordance with 4.4.2, to be installed with respect to the ratio between the distance  $F$  and the ship's length  $L$ .

On passenger ships, drain lines from spaces below the margin line shall be provided with screw-down, non-return valves at the shell fitted with an operating device.

The operating device shall be installed at a point above the bulkhead deck which is accessible at all times and equipped with a device clearly indicating the "open/closed" position.

Spaces that are located above the first deck above the freeboard deck/bulkhead deck, or higher, may be considered to be open spaces, despite weathertight doors and closures that might be fitted. Piping leading from these spaces directly overboard shall be configured in accordance with ISO 15749-5.

## 4.4.2 Configuration of closing devices

### 4.4.2.1 General

Figures 10 to 19 are examples of possible configurations of closing devices at the shell and in the pipeline.

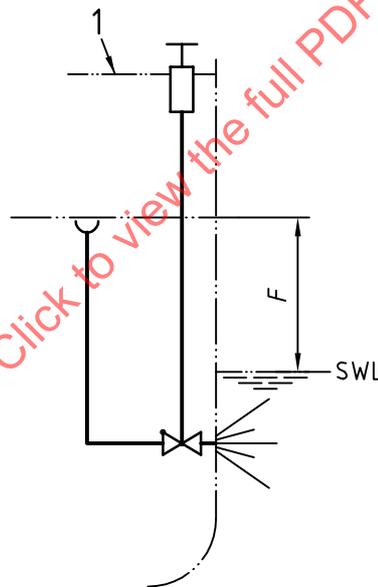
NOTE Configurations according to Figures 10 to 16 may not be used in drain lines from spaces below the limiting draft on passenger ships. On other ships that are subject to damage stability requirements, these configurations may only be provided if the drains (open drains) are located above the damage waterline.

In Figures 10 to 19:

- $F$  is the vertical distance between the drain (inner opening) and the summer loadline/summer timber loadline;
- $L$  is the length of the ship between the perpendiculars.

### 4.4.2.2 $F$ up to $0,01 L$

A screw-down non-return valve at the shell, capable of being closed from an operating point located above the freeboard deck with an indicator, as shown in Figure 10, may be used.



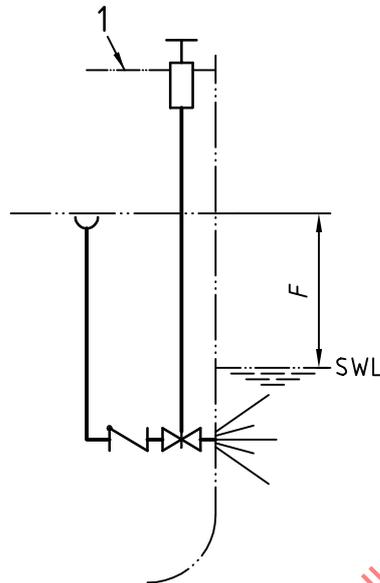
#### Key

- 1 freeboard deck or bulkhead deck

Figure 10 — Screw-down non-return valve

or

Alternatively, a shutoff gate valve at the shell capable of being closed from an operating point located above the freeboard deck with an indicator and a self-closing non-return fitting in the line, as shown in Figure 11, may be used.

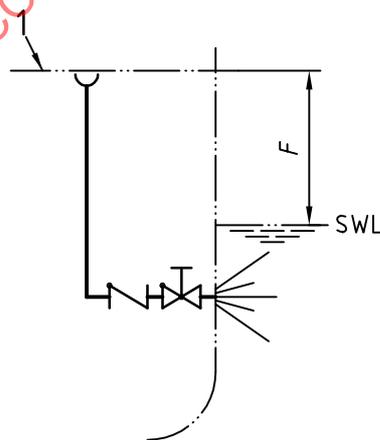


**Key**

1 freeboard deck or bulkhead deck

**Figure 11 — Shutoff gate valve**

In machinery spaces, a locally operable shutoff gate valve at the shell and a non-return fitting in the line (see Figure 12) may be fitted.



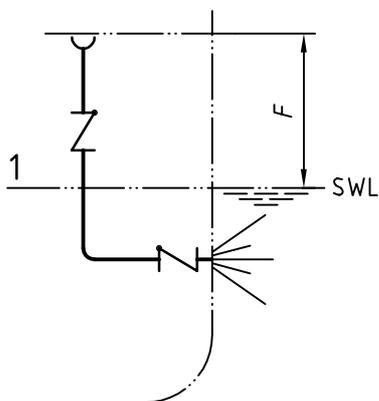
**Key**

1 freeboard deck or bulkhead deck

**Figure 12 — Locally operable shutoff gate valve**

4.4.2.3  $F$  over  $0,01 L$  up to  $0,02 L$

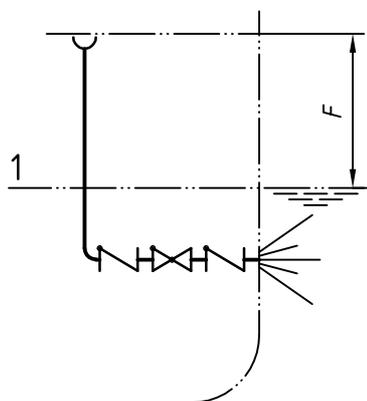
Two non-return fittings: one at the shell and one in the pipeline above the summer loadline/limiting draft to be accessible at all times (see Figure 13) or, if a configuration in accordance with Figure 13 is not possible, a readily accessible shutoff gate valve may be connected between, or downstream of, two non-return fittings (see Figures 14 and 15).



Key

1 summer loadline/limiting draft on passenger ships

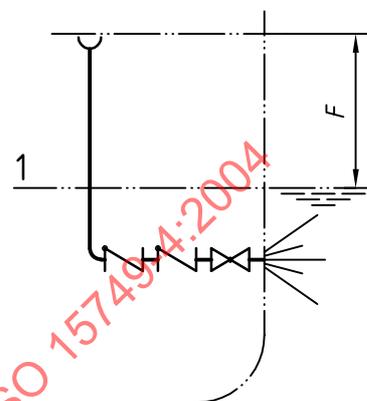
Figure 13 — Example 1



Key

1 summer loadline/limiting draft on passenger ships

Figure 14 — Example 2

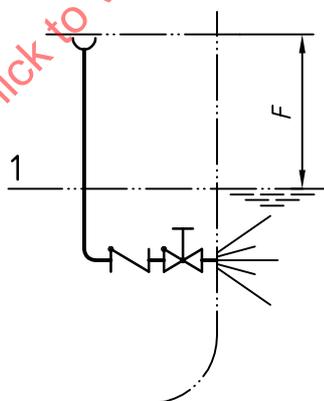


Key

1 summer loadline/limiting draft on passenger ships

Figure 15 — Example 3

Alternatively, one non-return fitting and one screw-down non-return valve at the shell may be applied (see Figure 16).



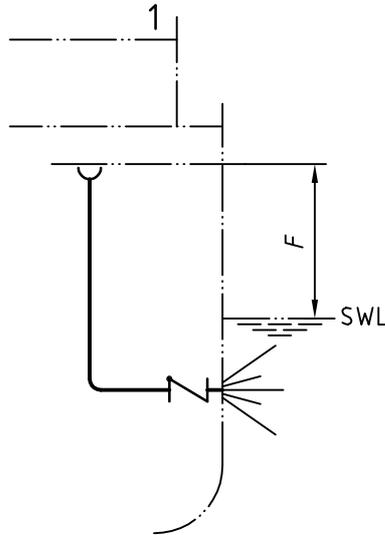
Key

1 summer loadline/limiting draft on passenger ships

Figure 16 — Screw-down non-return valve

4.4.2.4  $F$  over  $0,02 L$

A non-return fitting at the shell as shown in Figure 17 may be used.



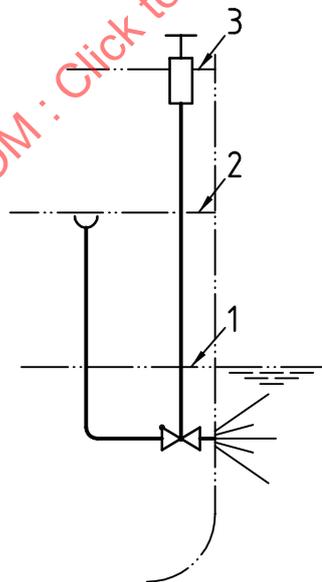
**Key**  
 1 superstructure deck

**Figure 17 — Non-return fitting**

**4.4.2.5 Drains from spaces below the margin line on passenger ships**

A screw-down non-return valve at the shell, capable of being closed from an operating point located above the bulkhead deck with an indicator, as shown in Figure 18, may be used.

Alternatively, two non-return fittings, one at the shell and one in the piping above the subdivision loadline, which shall be accessible at all times may be used (see Figures 18 and 19).



**Key**  
 1 subdivision loadline  
 2 limiting draft  
 3 bulkhead deck

**Figure 18 — Example 1 of non-return fitting**

**Key**  
 1 subdivision loadline  
 2 limiting draft  
 3 bulkhead deck

**Figure 19 — Example 2 of non-return fitting**