

(2) *Aircraft-Carriers* are surface vessels of war, whatever their displacement, designed or adapted primarily for the purpose of carrying and operating aircraft at sea. The fitting of a landing-on or flying-off deck on any vessel of war, provided such vessel has not been designed or adapted primarily for the purpose of carrying and operating aircraft at sea, shall not cause any vessel so fitted to be classified in the category of aircraft-carriers.

The category of aircraft-carriers is divided into two sub-categories as follows:—

- (a) Vessels fitted with a flight deck, from which aircraft can take off, or on which aircraft can land from the air.
- (b) Vessels not fitted with a flight deck as described in (a) above.

(3) *Light Surface Vessels* are surface vessels of war other than aircraft-carriers, minor war vessels or auxiliary vessels, the standard displacement of which exceeds 100 tons (102 metric tons) and does not exceed 10,000 tons (10,160 metric tons), and which do not carry a gun with a calibre exceeding 8 in. (203 mm.).

The category of light surface vessels is divided into three sub-categories as follows:—

- (a) Vessels which carry a gun with a calibre exceeding 6.1 in. (155 mm.).
- (b) Vessels which do not carry a gun with a calibre exceeding 6.1 in. (155 mm.) and the standard displacement of which exceeds 3,000 tons (3,048 metric tons).
- (c) Vessels which do not carry a gun with a calibre exceeding 6.1 in. (155 mm.) and the standard displacement of which does not exceed 3,000 tons (3,048 metric tons).
- (4) *Submarines* are all vessels designed to operate below the surface of the sea.

(5) *Minor War Vessels* are surface vessels of war, other than auxiliary vessels, the standard displacement of which exceeds 100 tons (102 metric tons) and does not exceed 2,000 tons (2,032 metric tons), provided they have none of the following characteristics:—

- (a) Mount a gun with a calibre exceeding 6.1 in. (155 mm.).
- (b) Are designed or fitted to launch torpedoes.
- (c) Are designed for a speed greater than 20 knots.

(6) *Auxiliary Vessels* are naval surface vessels the standard displacement of which exceeds 100 tons (102 metric tons), which are normally employed on fleet duties or as troop transports, or in some other way than as fighting ships, and which are not specifically built as fighting ships, provided they have none of the following characteristics:—

- (a) Mount a gun with a calibre exceeding 6.1 in. (155 mm.).
- (b) Mount more than eight guns with a calibre exceeding 3 in. (76 mm.).
- (c) Are designed or fitted to launch torpedoes.
- (d) Are designed for protection by armour plate.
- (e) Are designed for a speed greater than 28 knots.
- (f) Are designed or adapted primarily for operating aircraft at sea.
- (g) Mount more than two aircraft-launching apparatus.

For the purposes of the present Agreement over-age vessels of other categories may be classed as auxiliary vessels, notwithstanding the fact that they were originally built as fighting ships, provided they are converted to auxiliary uses in such a way as not to