

possess any of the characteristics mentioned under heads (a) to (g) above, except that they may retain the protection by armour plate carried by them at the date of such conversion.

(7) *Small Craft* are naval surface vessels the standard displacement of which does not exceed 100 tons (102 metric tons).

#### C.—*Over Age.*

Vessels of the following categories and sub-categories shall be deemed to be "over-age" when the undermentioned number of years have elapsed since completion:—

	<i>Years.</i>
(a) Capital ships . . . . .	26
(b) Aircraft-carriers . . . . .	20
(c) Light surface vessels, sub-categories (a) and (b)—	
(i) If laid down before the 1st January, 1920 . . . . .	16
(ii) If laid down after the 31st December, 1919 . . . . .	20
(d) Light surface vessels, sub-category (c) . . . . .	16
(e) Submarines . . . . .	13

#### D.—*Month.*

The word "month" in the present Agreement with reference to a period of time denotes the month of thirty days.

### Part II.

#### Limitation.

##### *Article 2.*

After the date of the coming into force of the present Agreement, no vessel exceeding the limitations as to displacement or armament prescribed by this Part of the present Agreement shall be acquired by any of the Contracting Governments or constructed by, for or within the jurisdiction of any of the Contracting Governments.

##### *Article 3.*

No vessel which at the date of the coming into force of the present Agreement carries guns with a calibre exceeding the limits prescribed by this Part of the present Agreement shall, if reconstructed or modernised, be rearmed with guns of a greater calibre than those previously carried by her.

##### *Article 4.*

(1) No capital ship shall exceed 45,000 tons (45,720 metric tons) standard displacement.

(2) No capital ship shall carry a gun with a calibre exceeding 16 in. (406 mm.).

(3) No capital ship of sub-category (a), the standard displacement of which is less than 17,500 tons (17,780 metric tons), shall be laid down or acquired prior to the 1st January, 1943.

(4) No capital ship, the main armament of which consists of guns of less than 10 in. (254 mm.) calibre, shall be laid down or acquired prior to the 1st January, 1943.