



MARINE CIRCULAR (12)

under the authority of the Government of
STATE OF QATAR

To: Ship owners, Operators, Recognized organizations (ROs)
Subject: LIFEBOAT EQUIPMENT SERVICING & MAINTENANCE
REQUIREMENTS

References:

- 1- SOLAS regulation III/20 – Operational readiness, maintenance and inspections.
- 2- SOLAS regulation III/36 – Instructions for on-board maintenance.
- 3- MSC.1/Circular.1277 – Interim Recommendation on Conditions for Authorization of Service Providers for Lifeboats, Launching Appliances and On-load Release Gear.
- 4- MSC.1/Circular.1206/Rev.1 – Measures to Prevent Accidents with Lifeboats.

Objective:

The objective of this circular is to ensure proper compliance with the Guidelines adopted by IMO related to the inspection and maintenance of lifeboats to be in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1206 Rev.1 and to be conducted by manufacturer's representative or a person appropriately trained and certified in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1277.



Specific Procedures and guidelines:

1- Weekly and monthly inspections, and routine maintenance as specified in the equipment maintenance manual(s), should be conducted under the direct supervision of a senior ship's officer in accordance with the maintenance manual(s).

2- All other inspections, servicing and repairs should be conducted by the manufacturer's representative or other person appropriately trained and certified for the work to be done in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1277.

3-Service providers carrying out the thorough examination, operational Testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear should be authorized in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1277.

4- The company is responsible for servicing and maintenance onboard its ships in accordance with SOLAS regulation III/20 and for the establishment and implementation of health, safety and environment (HSE) procedures covering all activities during servicing and maintenance.

5- When repairs, thorough examinations and annual servicing are completed, a statement confirming that the lifeboat arrangements remain fit for purpose should be promptly issued by the service provider who performed the work.

6- In cases where an equipment manufacturer is no longer in business or no longer provides technical support, our Administration may authorize service providers for the equipment on the basis of prior authorization for the equipment and/or long term experience and demonstrated expertise as an authorized service provider.



7- Under exceptional circumstances there might be practical difficulties encountered by ship operators to locate a manufacturer certified facilities in the current operating area of the vessel under this circumstance our administration may authorize alternative service provider in case by case basis only under the following procedures which shall be submitted by the owner or the company:

7.1-Details of the proposed service provider as well as the name and the qualifications of the attending person.

7.2-name of manufacturer and type of the equipment to be serviced.

7.3-date and location where the service is to be provided.

7.4-confirmation from the manufacturer that they are not available in the current port.

7.5-confirmation from the proposed service provider that they are able to carry out the task in accordance with the guidelines adopted by IMO related to servicing of the life boats (MSC.1/Circ1206 Rev.1)

7.6-confirmation from the classification society that their surveyor will attend during the service.

7.7- upon completion of the task a certificate of inspection or similar shall be accepted by the classification society and submitted to the administration.



8-The Administration should arrange for regular inspections of service providers to ensure that work continues to be carried out based on this circular, and should withdraw the authorization of service providers who are not in compliance.

9-The ROs should ensure that information regarding authorized service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear is made available to mariners.

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