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Guidance on approval of competent person in accordance with the technical regulation on lifting appliances and loose gear on ships

Purpose

The purpose of this guidance is to provide guidelines on the approval of competent persons in connection with the control, testing, inspection and certification of lifting appliances and loose gear covered by technical regulation no. 12 of 12 October 2000 on lifting appliances and loose gear, etc. on ships, published in Notices from the Danish Maritime Authority, no. 8/2000.

Statutory basis

More detailed regulations are found in the annex to the above-mentioned technical regulation no. 12 of 12 October 2000.

According to item 11 of the Annex, lifting appliances shall be tested, controlled and certified by a competent person of category A before being used.

In addition, lifting appliances with associated equipment in accordance with item 14 of the Annex shall be carefully examined and tested every five years. This examination shall be carried out by a competent person of category B, who shall certify the lifting appliance after the examination.

Finally, lifting appliances in accordance with item 13 of the Annex shall be inspected at least once every 12 months. This inspection shall be carried out by a competent person of category C, who shall subsequently make an entry in the ship's survey book.

According to item 1.10 of the Annex, competent persons in Denmark shall be approved by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Definitions

Competent person: A person or company approved to carry out the construction, calculation, testing and certification of lifting appliances and loose gear or a limited part hereof. A competent person in Denmark is approved by the Danish Maritime Authority after application, see however below. The person in question shall be able to document his knowledge and experience. Distinction is made between three kinds of competent persons:

Competent person, category A, is approved for first-time certification of lifting appliances and loose gear. In order to acquire such an approval, the person in question shall, in cooperation with a workshop, have carried out the construction, calculation, control with performance of work, testing, inspection and certification of a complete rig arrangement to the satisfaction of the Danish Maritime Authority.

Competent person, category B, is approved for periodical certification as well as certification after minor repairs of existing lifting appliances and loose gear. In order to acquire such an approval, the person in question shall have carried out period control, testing, inspection and certification of an existing lifting appliance to the satisfaction of the Danish Maritime Authority.

Competent person, category C, is approved for certification in connection with annual surveys as well as certification after minor repairs of existing lifting appliances and loose gear.

Procedure

The Danish Maritime Authority shall immediately approve as:

Competent person, category A: Classification societies and relevant test institutes recognised by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Competent person, category B: The manufacturer of a given lifting appliance as well as competent persons of category A.

Competent person, category C: The ship's master, chief officer, chief engineer and mate as well as competent persons of categories A and B.

Special approvals shall not be issued to the above-mentioned persons.

In addition, the Danish Maritime Authority shall approve as competent persons of category B persons authorised by the manufacturer. Such authorisations may be given to carry out control on one or more types of lifting appliances manufactured by the manufacturer in question.

Applications for approval shall be submitted to the Danish Maritime Authority, Centre for Ships. Applications shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's authorisation.

Before the manufacturer authorises a person, he shall ensure that the person has carried out a periodic control, testing, inspection and certification of an existing lifting appliance of the type/types in question.

For controls abroad the Danish Maritime Authority may accept as competent persons of category B persons authorised by the manufacturer according to the same guidelines as those used for the approval of Danish persons.

Documentation

In connection with controls carried out by approved persons of category B, a copy of the Danish Maritime Authority's approval shall be handed over to the master.

In connection with controls carried out by foreign persons, a copy of the manufacturer's authorisation shall be handed over to the master.

Documentation shall be carried on board for presentation to the relevant authorities upon request.

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