ClassNK PSC Bulletin

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Title:

Improper Freefall Lifeboat Hook Reset (SOLAS Chapter III / Reg.20.6.1)

Typical deficiency (outline of comment) by PSC:

"Free fall lifeboat release mechanism not correctly reset."

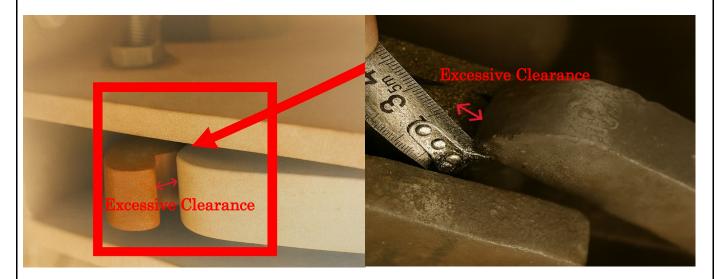
"Freefall lifeboat release defective."

Port State		Port:
Action taken k	y PSC:	Detention / Rectify before Departure / Others (
Description:		

Clearance between "freefall lifeboat hook end" and "lock block piece" has been frequently pointed out by PSCOs as improper reset condition recently.

Hook reset condition is to be confirmed during "weekly inspection" by crew as per SOLAS III/Reg.20.6.1. Nevertheless, it has been reported the improper reset due to familiarization of reset procedures as per the Maker's operational manual after routine onboard release test, as well as lack of knowledge for identifying deficiency during weekly inspection by crew.

The management company is to take proper preventive measures for avoiding such deficiency. Sufficient training is to be carried out on board for understanding the correct procedures of hook reset and weekly inspection. If crew has doubt on clearance criteria, the management company is to confirm with the Maker of its authorized service provider for instructions.



Example Photos of Excessive Clearance Pointed Out by PSC