

Subject :

Requirements of Maltese Government  
for Immersion Suits and  
Thermal Protective Aids

# NKTECHNICAL INFORMATION

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To Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

It have been informed in the Technical Information No.160 with regard to immersion suits and thermal protective aids for Maltese registered cargo ships not equipped with totally enclosed/free-fall launching lifeboats.

We hereunder summarize the Maltese requirements as contained in the Technical Information No. 160 and inform you as to issuance of exemption certificate to Safety Equipment Certificate.

In this respect, the Technical Information No. 160 is revoked and replaced with this Information.

| Application                                                          | Types of survival craft                         | Limitation of navigation area | Requirement for Immersion suits                                                                                                                             | Exemption Certificate to Safety Equipment Certificate            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ships not-fitted with totally enclosed/free-fall launching lifeboats | Throw-in type liferafts                         | Apply(*1)                     | Not required                                                                                                                                                | The permission of Maltese Government is required for every ship. |
|                                                                      |                                                 | Not apply                     | One immersion suit for every person                                                                                                                         | should not be issued.                                            |
|                                                                      | Open-type lifeboats or davit-launched liferafts | Apply(*1)                     | Not required                                                                                                                                                | The permission of Maltese Government is required for every ship. |
|                                                                      |                                                 | Apply(*2)                     | At least three immersion suits for every lifeboat or liferaft and one thermal protective aid for every person on board not provided with the immersion suit | can be issued by this society.                                   |
|                                                                      |                                                 | Not apply                     | One immersion suit for every person                                                                                                                         | should not be issued(*3)                                         |

(Note)

- (\*1) Immersion suits and thermal protective aids need not be provided on ships which only trade between the latitudes of 20° N and 20° S.
- (\*2) -The areas surrounded by latitude 65° N of the North Atlantic Ocean, 55° N of the North Pacific Ocean and 50° S and  
-The east of longitude 10° E in the Kattegat and Baltic Sea between 1 May and 30 November, both dates inclusive.
- (\*3) In case where it is intended to voyage beyond the navigation areas of (\*2)above, an immersion suit is to be provided for every person on board. This society will re-issue the Safety Equipment Certificate and the Record of Equipment for the SE Certificate upon confirmation of satisfactory results where Exemption Certificate has been issued or Safety Equipment Certificate has been endorsed limiting the navigation area in (\*2).

The End

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