

Subject:

Interpretations/Additional Requirements
Specified by the Singapore Government
in relation to life-saving appliances

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To shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

The 1983 Amendments to SOLAS 1974 entered into force in Singapore on 1 July 1986 and should apply to Singapore flag ships to be built on and after that date.

The Government of Republic of Singapore has consequently amended its national Regulations, incorporating the requirements of the 1983 Amendments to SOLAS 1974. The new national Regulations now contain the interpretations of certain requirements of the 1983 Amendments and the additional requirements to the same Amendments, which, for your reference, are re-produced below:

1. Application

The interpretations and additional requirements re-produced below should apply to ships to be built on and after 1 July 1986, unless otherwise specified herein.

2. Life-saving appliances

2.1. Life-saving appliances should be of a type approved either by the Government of Republic of Singapore or by any other major maritime government under the 1983 Amendments.

Life-saving appliances so approved should be subject to a production test of the government concerned.

2.2. Equipment for lifeboats, liferafts and rescue boats should be in accordance with item 2.1 above with the exception for certain equipment which should comply with the following requirements as well as those of the 1983 Amendments:



(i) First-aid outfits for lifeboats, liferafts and rescue boats

Each first-aid outfit should contain first-aid instructions in English printed on linen or water-proof paper and itemised list of the container should be displayed on the container of the outfit.

(ii) Liferafts

In addition to the markings required under the 1983 Amendments, name of the ship in which the liferaft is carried and the word "SINGAPORE" should be marked on the outside of the canopy and underneath the bottom as well as its valise for the inflatable liferaft, and on the outside of the canopy and bottom for the rigid liferaft.

Each character for these additional markings should be of not less than 100 mm in height of a colour contrasting with that of the liferaft in question.

(iii) Food rations for lifeboats (applicable to ships built before 1 July 1986)

Food rations stored in the lifeboat of a ship built before 1 July 1986 should comply with the 1983 Amendments after 1 July 1991 or when EPIRBs and two-way radiotelephone apparatus are provided on board, whichever is earlier.

3. Additional Lifejackets

Additional lifejackets should be carried for persons on watch and for use at remotely located survival craft stations in accordance with the following table:

The number of persons that the ship is certified to carry	Minimum number of additional lifejackets
More than 16 persons	Not less than 25 percent of the total number of persons the ship is certified to carry
Up to 16 persons	Not less than 4

Such additional lifejackets should be stowed in unlocked and clearly marked dry stowage positions. Such places should be readily accessible and plainly indicated.

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