



Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit BG Verkehr

Ship Safety Division for German Flagged Ships

FLAG STATE Circular no.: 02/2010

Category: Life saving equipment

Reference no.: Flag State Circular no.: 01/2010, supersedes by this Circular

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Subject:

Periodic Servicing of Launching Appliances and On-Load Release Gear

Rule reference:

SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 20

MSC.1/Circ. 1206 Rev.1 and MSC.1/Circ. 1277

Explanatory note:

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).

Thorough examination, operational testing, repairs, overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear are carried out in accordance with SOLAS regulation III/20 and MSC.1/Circ. 1206 Rev. 1 by service providers that are qualified in these operations for each make and type of equipment.

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

This Administration accepts service providers authorized, checked and/or inspected by Recognized Organizations on behalf of administrations or by other SOLAS Contracting Governments.

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

Action required:

Service providers carrying out thorough examination, operational testing, repairs, overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear on German flagged ships should be authorized in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1277 as mentioned above.

The service provider needs for all equipment of existing original equipment manufacturers (OEM) the access to detailed drawings and documentation, manuals, spare parts and regular updates of the OEM, to make the said service in accordance with MSC.1/Circ. 1206 Rev.1.

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