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Notice to All Ship-Owners, Operators, Training Institutes, Masters of Sri Lankan Flagged Ships, and Recognized Organizations.

Servicing of Marine Evacuation Systems, Inflatable Life rafts, Inflated Rescue Boats, Inflatable Lifejackets and Hydrostatic Release Units

- References:**
- a. IMO Circular MSC/Circ 955
 - b. IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1328.
 - c. SOLAS 1974, as amended

1.0 Introduction

1.1 This instruction gives guidance relating to the servicing of marine evacuation systems, inflatable life rafts, inflated rescue boats, inflatable lifejackets and hydrostatic release units on board Sri Lankan flagged ships.

1.2 Merchant Shipping Secretariat (MSS) means the maritime administration of Sri Lanka and Recognised Organisation(RO) means an organization that has been assessed by the MSS, and found to comply with part 2 of the RO code

2.0 Service Intervals

2.1 SOLAS Chapter III requires that inflatable life rafts, inflatable lifejackets, marine evacuation systems, inflated rescue boats and hydrostatic release units (other than disposable hydrostatic release units) be

serviced at intervals not exceeding 12 months, provided where in any case this is impracticable, the MSS may extend the period by 5 months.

2.2 Where a vessel is operating under the Harmonized System for Survey and Certification, the MSS may allow an extension to the servicing interval in line with the relevant annual or periodical survey window i.e. 12 months +/- 3 months, up to a maximum of 18 months from the last date of servicing in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.955.

2.3 Life rafts designed for an extended service period of up to 30 months and approved by the Administration of the country of manufacture are acceptable to the MSS, provided that the approval is verified by a Recognised Organisation as being in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1328.

2.4 In considering any extension, due regard shall be given to dated components which may expire during the extension period. Otherwise, extensions shall be in line with the specified SOLAS allowances.

3.0 Marine Evacuation Systems deployment

3.1 High Speed Craft Code Section 8 requires, in addition to the above, that each Marine Evacuation System shall be deployed on a rotational basis at least once every six years.

4.0 Extensions to Servicing Intervals

4.1 Recognised Organisations are to review applications for extension to servicing intervals of inflatable lifesaving equipment allowable under paragraph 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 above and seek authorisation from the MSS.

4.2 When reviewing applications for extension to service intervals, Recognised Organisations must verify that the justification for the extension is reasonable. The period of the extension shall be limited to that considered reasonable to carry out the required servicing and / or survey completion.

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