



Instruction to RO's

No. 9 - Periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear - application of IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1206.

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In accordance with art.40 of the Ships decree 2004, a ship for which a passenger ship safety certificate or a cargo ship safety certificate is required shall satisfy a.o. the requirements of chapter III of the SOLAS Convention applicable to that ship. Furthermore, in accordance with art.14 of the Ships decree 2004, these ships shall be subject to the surveys required by regulations I/7 and I/8 of the SOLAS convention.

When it concerns the periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear, MAC considers MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1 as a policy rule. In this respect the following interpretation shall be applied:

Where circular MSC.1/1206/Rev.1 requires certification of servicing personnel, if it concerns the servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear on board of Curaçao flag vessels, this may be read as follows:

1. personnel, which may include ship-owner's personnel, certified in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1277 should be used unless the company can document to the R.O. that they are not available;
2. when it is documented by the Company that certified personnel is not available, an independent service provider may be selected by the company provided that the R.O. is satisfied that:
 - a. the operation of the service provider is certified and complies with quality standard ISO 9001 or equivalent. The standard procedures for the servicing of lifeboat systems shall be submitted. Sufficient spare parts and technical documentation (maintenance manuals, tolerance data, etc.), as provided by the manufacturer should be available to the service personnel;
 - b. 1) the personnel performing the maintenance and service has at least two years of servicing experience with different manufacturer's equipment;
2) service personnel has followed training on several manufacturer's equipment (at least two manufacturers);
 - c. The service provider shall maintain a record system which provides traceability of work carried out and parts used. All spare parts used shall be original manufacturer's spare parts. If the equipment manufacturer no longer exists and there are no original spare parts, the equipment shall be replaced by equipment compliant with the Marine Equipment Directive (96/98/EC as amended)(i.c. wheel marked);
 - d. The service provider makes use of an accredited service personnel detailed training program;
3. Service providers acknowledged in accordance with par.2 are strongly recommended to seek authorization in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1277 as soon as possible.
4. MAC accepts service providers situated in other countries which are authorized by other SOLAS Contracting Governments in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1277.
5. Certificate valid for 3 years for all ships registered in Curaçao shall be issued by the MAC to the service provider companies on request and fulfillment of requirements available at the MAC.