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Notice to Shipping 14

AMENDMENTS TO SOLAS III/20 MANDATORY IMO RESOLUTION MSC.402(96)

THIS NOTICE WILL SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT NOTICE TO SHIPPING NUMBER 04 OF APRIL, 16 OF 2018:
"UPDATE OF PROCEDURE FOR LSA COMPANIES"

To : Ship owners, Ship's operators and managers, Masters, RO's
Applicable to : LSA Service Companies
Effective as from : 01 August 2020

Please be informed that IMO adopted amendments to Regulation 20 of SOLAS Convention, which enters into force on 01 Jan 2020. By the enforcement of the said amendments to SOLAS III/20, yearly thorough examination and 5-yearly testing and overhaul for life-saving appliances shall be carried out in accordance with the mandatory IMO Resolution MSC.402(96) "Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear" (hereafter referred to as "the Resolution"), which will supersede the current non-mandatory IMO Circulars MSC.1/Circ 1206/Rev.1 "Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats" and MSC.1/1277 "Interim recommendation on conditions for authorization of service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear".

Paragraph 3.1 of the Resolution specifies that:

"3.1 Administration shall ensure that the thorough examination, operational testing, repair and overhaul of equipment shall be carried out in accordance with SOLAS regulation III/20 by service providers authorized in accordance with section 7."

Further, Paragraph 7.4.3 of the Resolution also specifies that:

"7.4.3 the Administration may accept or recognize service providers authorized by other Administration or by their Recognized Organizations"

In light of the above, the following position of our Administration has been taken:

- (1) that our Administration will apply Paragraph 7.4.3 of the Resolution in the act of authorization of service providers of our Administration and endorse those service providers who have been approved by our RO's in accordance with its Rules for Approval of Service Suppliers.



(2) that, with regard to the above (1), it is not necessary for those service providers approved by our RO's to (re)apply or to take any procedures to be newly authorized by our Administration.

(3) that, in principle this Administration will apply the complete IMO Resolution MSC. 402(96) as adopted and published by the IMO through our RO's.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us directly through contact information provided below.

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