

Subject

Periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear on cargo ships flying Isle of Man Flag

# **ClassNK**

## ***Technical Information***

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To whom it may concern

Instructions from the several flag states regarding periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear were informed by ClassNK Technical Information No. TEC-0693 dated 12 April 2007, TEC-0721 dated 26 December 2007 and TEC-0784 dated 10 September 2009.

Isle of Man Ship Registry has informed ClassNK of new instruction on this matter as follows:

[Point of Instruction]

The periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear are to be conducted by authorized service provider in accordance with MSC/Circ.1277. The Isle of Man Ship Registry will only 'authorize' service providers based in the Isle of Man. The Isle of Man Ship Registry will also 'accept' service providers authorized by the Administration or a 'Recognised Classification Society' where the service provider has its principal place of business.

If a service provider approved in accordance with MSC/Circ.1277 is not available, but one has been sourced with manufacturer's approval, then case by case approval should be sought from The Isle of Man Ship Registry. [mailto:marine.survey@gov.im]

Please replace "Isle of Man" in the attachment of the ClassNK Technical Information No. TEC-0693 dated 12 April 2007, TEC-0721 dated 26 December 2007 and TEC-0784 dated 10 September 2009 with this ClassNK Technical Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Authorised service providers for survival craft launching appliances  
and on-load release gear**

**This MSN outlines the Isle of Man Ship Registry requirements for the authorisation of service providers for survival craft launching appliances and on-load release gear for examination and testing required by SOLAS Ch III Reg 20.**

**MSC84 approved the recommendations of DE51 in relation to this under MSC Circ 1277. MSC Circ 1206(Rev 1) still remains non mandatory. This circular sets out how these two Circulars should be applied to vessel's registered in the Isle of Man.**

**Most regulations and notices, along with casualty reports, are available on the Isle of Man Government web site: [www.iomshipregistry.com](http://www.iomshipregistry.com) or by contacting [marine.survey@gov.im](mailto:marine.survey@gov.im)**

**Documents referred to in this notice:**

SOLAS Ch III

MSC/Circ 1206(Rev 1), 1277

**1. Documentation**

The instructions for maintenance of the launching appliances and release arrangements should be provided on board in English.

Suitable records must be maintained on board for the examinations and testing described below. The 'Authorized Service Provider' or class surveyor should issue a report for any examination or test conducted or witnessed. It is recommended that these reports are filed alongside the service records for liferaft/FFA/BA sets etc. within the vessel's document control system.

The class surveyor conducting safety equipment surveys will review this documentation for completeness.

## 2. Qualifications

In accordance with MSC Circ 1277 Para 2, the Isle of Man Ship Registry will only 'authorize' service providers based in the Isle of Man. The Isle of Man Ship Registry will also 'accept' service providers authorized by the Administration or a 'Recognised Classification Society' where the service provider has its principal place of business.

i.e. The Isle of Man Ship Registry would accept a service provider based in Sydney authorized under MSC 1277 by the Government of Australia. There would be no need for any additional documentation to be supplied by us to confirm this.

## 3. Examination and testing requirements

Examination and testing of the equipment as listed in the table below should be conducted in accordance with the scope defined in MSC Circ 1206 (Rev 1).

The annual examination/testing should be conducted within the window of the relevant Safety Equipment Survey; it is not necessary to conduct this at 12 month intervals.

Except as detailed below, the Class surveyor conducting the Safety Equipment Survey does not need to be on board whilst the examination/testing is being conducted by the authorized service provider. To credit this for the survey a review of a report from the authorized service provider is sufficient.

	<b>Competent Person from Ship's Crew</b>	<b>Authorised Service Provider</b>	<b>Witnessed by Class Surveyor</b>
<b>Maintenance of survival craft launching appliances, falls, winches, brakes and release hook systems in accordance with vessel's planned maintenance system</b>	✓		
<b>Annual &amp; 5 yearly thorough examination of launching appliance &amp; falls</b>		✓	
<b>Annual dynamic test winch brake (boat empty)</b>		✓	
<b>Annual examination &amp; 5 yearly overhaul of on-load release gear</b>		✓	
<b>Annual examination &amp; 5 yearly overhaul of freefall lifeboat release systems</b>		✓	
<b>Annual examination &amp; 5 yearly overhaul of davit launched liferaft automatic release hooks</b>		✓	
<b>5 yearly (110%) test of winch brakes, on-load release gear, freefall lifeboat release systems, davit launched liferaft automatic release hooks</b>			✓

- A '**competent person**' is defined as:-
  - A person who is trained and has the necessary skills, practical experience and knowledge of the type of lifting appliances and gears which he is required to inspect. He is to be provided with the necessary tools and spare parts together with manufacturers recommended maintenance instructions.
  - This person is not necessarily a member of the vessel's crew but may be the Master, Chief Engineer, Chief Officer or Second Engineer subject to the above criteria.

**Isle of Man Ship Registry**  
**12 April 2010**

*Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give Legal Advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.*