



MEASURES TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS WITH LIFEBOATS

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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of shipowners, shipmanagers, operators, masters and officers of Singapore-registered vessels.

We wish to bring to your attention the IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1206 (MEASURES TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS WITH LIFEBOATS), issued by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), following the 81st Session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 81 held from 10 to 19 May 2006).

MSC.1/Circ.1206 (**Attachment A**) consolidates, updates and supersedes the previous MSC Circulars, MSC/Circ.1049, MSC/Circ.1093, MSC/Circ.1136 and MSC/Circ.1137 on the subject of measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats.

Annex 1 of MSC.1/Circ.1206 sets out guidelines for periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear. Annex 2 of MSC.1/Circ.1206 sets out guidelines on safety during abandon ship drills using lifeboats, including guidelines for simulated launching of free-fall lifeboats (Appendix to Annex 2).

Shipowners, shipmanagers, operators, masters and officers of Singapore registered ships are requested to take note of the above to minimize the risk of accidents with lifeboat systems. Any queries regarding this circular should be addressed to Mr. Chua Kie Hian (Tel: 6375 6212).

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[Attachment A](#)

[1] Refer to Shipping Circular 4 of 2006 for MPA's guidance on the GUIDELINES FOR PERIODIC SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF LIFEBOATS, LAUNCHING APPLIANCES AND ON-LOAD RELEASE GEAR (Annex 1 of MSC/Cir. 1206) at:

http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/port_and_shipping/circulars_and_notices/shipping_circulars_detail.page?filename=sc06-04.xml