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## SURVEY CIRCULAR No. 1/2012

### ACCEPTANCE OF EQUIPMENT FOR USE ON SINGAPORE REGISTERED SHIPS

1. In view of a recent intervention by Port State Control authority on board a Singapore registered vessel on which the type-approval for survival craft was found to be not in compliance with Convention requirements, and in order to avert similar occurrences, this circular is to inform of our revised requirements for the acceptance of equipment for use on Singapore registered vessels.

2. Wherever it is stipulated in International Conventions for equipment placed onboard Convention ships to be **“approved by the Administration”**, **“approved to the satisfaction of the Administration”** or **“in compliance with”** a specified IMO standard, specification or guideline, the equipment is to be considered acceptable for use on board Singapore registered ships if:

a. The equipment is type-approved and fully certificated to the applicable IMO requirements\* by any of the 9 Recognised Organisations (ROs) authorized by MPA Singapore namely the Classification Society (CS) of ABS, BV, CCS, DNV, GL, KR, LR, NK, and RINA. Such approved equipment shall bear the marking of the RO that carried out the type approval. The marking shall be traceable to the certification and test documentation for the equipment.

or,

b. The equipment is type-approved by any of the 9 ROs authorized by MPA Singapore in accordance with the EC MED process and marked accordingly.

\* These include the Convention regulations, associated Codes, specifications, performance standards and guidelines developed by the IMO.

3. Equipment that is type-approved by any of the 9 ROs authorized by MPA Singapore in accordance with paragraph 2, regardless of which RO had conducted the survey and issued the statutory certificates, is acceptable for use on board Singapore registered ships.

4. For equipment that is not approved in accordance with paragraph 2, acceptance is to be granted by MPA Singapore on a case by case basis. Full detailed documentation (certificates and testing reports, etc.) and the RO's recommendation are to be submitted by the RO to MPA for review and consideration for acceptance. In the absence of any proper documentation, such equipment will not be accepted for use on Singapore registered ships, excepting as otherwise provided for in paragraph 5.

5. For equipment that is already provided on board before 01-September-2012 and which does not have approval marking and/or certification, the equipment is considered acceptable for continued use on board provided:

- a. the RO issuing the statutory certificates assesses and deems so; and,
- b. the equipment is in good and working condition.

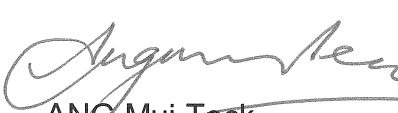
If the equipment is subsequently needed to be replaced, it shall be replaced with equipment in accordance with paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.

6. The RO is required to issue a statement to the vessel to the effect that the equipment on the basis of paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5, is deemed acceptable by MPA Singapore upon confirmation by the RO for use on board the ship. A sample Statement of Acceptance is attached.

7. The Statement of Acceptance shall be issued:

- a. with immediate effect, at initial surveys for the issuance of statutory certificates (including upon vessel's delivery, change of class and change of flag);
  - b. for Singapore registered ships for which the building contract is placed before 01-September-2012, or in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction before 01-September-2012, not later than at the first scheduled intermediate or renewal statutory survey, whichever occurs earlier;
- and,
- c. with a validity that is to be harmonised with the validity of the statutory certificates.

8. This circular supersedes all previous correspondence issued by MPA Singapore regarding acceptance of equipment for use on Singapore registered ships.

  
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