

Marine Department Notification

No. 270/2568

Subject: Guidelines for Lifting Appliances and Anchor Handling Winches on Ships

As stipulated in Reg. 7, 8, 10 and 5 of the Regulations for Ship Inspection, which prescribe the criteria, methods, and conditions for issuing certificates concerning the safety of life at sea, B.E. 2559 (2016), the survey of ships, the issuance and endorsement of certificates must comply with the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as amended, and the Marine Department Notification No. 65/2564 on Guidelines for Inspection and Issuance of Certificates Concerning the Safety of Life at Sea, dated April 1, B.E.2564 (2021), as well as the Marine Department Notification No. 212/2567 on Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, dated August 28, B.E.2567 (2024), in order to comply with the resolutions of Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization No. 532 (107) subsequently adopted the Guideline for Anchor Handling Winches and the Guidelines for Lifting Appliances, as per Circulars MSC.1/Circ. 1662 and MSC.1/Circ. 1663, respectively, and their amendments, to adapt the above guidelines to the resolutions of the Maritime Safety Committee.

In order to ensure that operations related to ship survey, issuance and endorsement of certificates are efficient and effective, and in accordance with the guidelines of the International Maritime Organization, the Director-General of the Marine Department hereby issues the following notification:

1. This notification shall be effective from January 1, B.E.2569 (2026) onwards.

2. The Guidelines for Anchor Handling Winches and Lifting Appliances, as per Circulars MSC.1/Circ. 1662 and MSC.1/Circ. 1663 and their amendments, which apply to lifting appliances and anchor handling winches on ships, shall be used as guidelines for ship inspection and the issuance of certificates of safety at sea relating to ship construction, structure, tonnage allocation and stability, machinery and electrical installations, in accordance with the regulations for such ship inspections. The design, construction, and installation of these lifting appliances and anchor handling winches shall comply with the requirements of the Classification Societies or other equivalent safety standards accepted by the Marine Department, and shall have passed load tests and thorough examinations after installation and before initial use, as well as after repairs, alterations, or modifications, as specified in the annexes attached to this notification.

The examination and certification of test results in accordance with these guidelines shall be carried out by a qualified or higher-level ship surveyor of Marine Department, or by a surveyor of a classification society which is a full member of an International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) recognized by the Marine Department (Competent person).

Weekly or monthly inspections and maintenance of anchor handling winch and lifting appliances on ships shall be carried out by persons appointed by the master or the company as defined in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and its amendments (SOLAS), Chapter IX, Management for the Safe Operation of Ships, who possess the necessary knowledge and experience to perform the duties prescribed in these guidelines.

3. For lifting appliances installed after the date this notification comes into force, it shall undergo a load test and a thorough examination in accordance with the Guidelines for Lifting Appliances as per Circular No. MSC.1/Circ. 1663 and its amendments. It must be permanently marked and have documentation certifying the safe working load.

4. For lifting appliances installed before the effective date of this notification, it shall be tested and inspected in accordance with 3, mutatis mutandis, by referring to the Guidelines for Lifting Appliances as per Circular No. MSC.1/Circ. 1663 and its amendments. This shall be carried out within the date of the first renewal survey.

5. This notification shall not apply to the following lifting appliances and anchor handling winches on ships:

- (1) Lifting appliances on ships certified as Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit
- (2) Lifting appliances which conforms to the standards accepted by the Marine Department and is used on offshore support vessels in the following vessel activities:
 - (a) Vessel for laying or repairing pipes or cables.
 - (b) Vessels for installing offshore structures.
 - (c) Vessels for use in decommissioning offshore structures.
- (3) Integrated mechanical equipment for opening and closing hold hatch covers.
- (4) Life-saving launching appliances complying with the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code.
- (5) Lifting appliances which have a safe working load below 1,000 kg.

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