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**Subject:** New policy for Authorized Service Providers for Life saving Appliances

## *Purpose*

This bulletin is to advise the marine industry of the [Policy on Authorized Service Providers \(ASP\)](#), published by Transport Canada.

## *Scope*

This bulletin applies to the equipment carried on Safety Convention (SOLAS) vessels and any vessels that are required to meet Chapter III of the SOLAS Convention<sup>1</sup>. It applies also to the service provider who carries out their maintenance.

## *What you need to know*

The policy includes requirements from the International Maritime Organization for maintenance, testing and servicing life-saving appliances. The policy also sets guidelines for authorizing service providers.

The policy covers:

- weekly and monthly inspections that must be done by the crew
- how to service inflatable equipment
- how authorized service provider must service, carry maintenance or repair survival craft, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear
- authorization of service providers

Authorized representatives, services providers and Transport Canada Recognized Organizations must follow this new policy.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the policy on [Alternative Regulatory Regime for Inspection, Construction and Safety Equipment](#).

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3. Authorized service providers
4. Service stations

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