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MARINE NOTICE 242.3

To: RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS, SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MANUFACTURERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS.

Subject: AUTHORIZED SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR MAINTENANCE, THOROUGH EXAMINATION, OPERATIONAL TESTING, OVERHAUL AND REPAIR OF LIFEBOATS AND RESCUE BOATS, LAUNCHING APPLIANCES AND RELEASE GEAR.

1. Reference

- 1.1 Resolution MSC.402(96) *REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE, THOROUGH EXAMINATION, OPERATIONAL TESTING, OVERHAUL AND REPAIR OF LIFEBOATS AND RESCUE BOATS, LAUNCHING APPLIANCES AND RELEASE GEAR*
- 1.2 Resolution MSC. 404(96) *AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED*
- 1.3 LSA Code, as amended
- 1.4 Marine Notice 113, as amended
- 1.5 Marine Notice 139, as amended
- 1.6 Palau Maritime Regulations, Chapter 5.5

2. Purpose

- 2.1 This Marine Notice provides the requirements, which are taken under consideration, prior granting authorization by Palau International Ship Registry to the applicants as authorized service providers in accordance with the IMO Resolution 402(96).
- 2.2 Additionally, to reiterate that personnel of the authorized service providers shall be certified in accordance with the IMO Resolution MSC 402(96), for each maker and type of the equipment, to perform the scope of work dictated in MSC 402(96).



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3. Applicability

3.1 This Marine Notice applies to all Palau registered vessels, their managing companies and authorized service providers.

4. General Information

4.1 The adoption of Resolution MSC.402(96), has taken into effect on January 1st 2020 and revokes Annex 1 to MSC.1/Circ. 1206/Rev.1 and as well as the IMO Guidelines content in the MSC.1/Circ.1578 “Guidelines on the Safety during Abandon Ship Drills using Lifeboats” which supersedes the Annex 2 to MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1. Therefore, since the Resolution MSC.402(96) has come into effect, the Interim recommendations on conditions for authorization of service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear which are found in MSC.1/Circ.1277, are no longer considered to be use.

5. Definitions

5.1 For the purpose of this Marine Notice below are the definitions to the following terms:

- 5.1.1 **Service suppliers:** mean those firms providing services on behalf of the owner of a ship or a mobile offshore drilling unit, and the results of which are used by the RO in making decisions affecting the statutory certification and services, according to RO Code -Resolution MSC.349(92) point 5.9.2
- 5.1.2 **Authorized service provider:** means an entity authorized by the Palau Ship Registry Administrator, according to Res. 402(96).
- 5.1.3 **Manufacturer:** means the original equipment manufacturer or any entity which has taken legal and legitimate responsibilities for equipment when the original equipment manufacturer no longer exists or supports the equipment, according to Res. 402(96).

6. Approval of Authorized Service Providers

6.1 From January 1st 2020 the annual and five-year thorough examination, operational testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats and fast rescue boats and launching appliance and on-load and off-load release gear (including primary and secondary means of launching appliances for free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats, fast rescue boats and davit launched life rafts, shall be conducted by Authorized Service Providers duly approved by the Palau Ship



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Registry Administration.

- 6.2 Companies seeking the Palau Ship Registry Administrator authorization to perform the actions listed in section 6.1 shall comply with the requirements on this Marine Notice. Such companies will be evaluated for their compliance. Additionally, the same requirements are to be applied to manufacturers when they are acting as authorized service providers.
7. Requirements for approval as Authorized Service Providers for lifeboats, rescue boats and fast rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load and off-load release gear, and davit launched life rafts:
 - 7.1 List of employment and documentation of personnel certified in accordance with a recognized national, international, or industry-standard as applicable, or a manufacturer's established certification program for each make and type of equipment. In either case the certification program shall comply with Section 8 of this Marine Notice.
 - 7.2 A valid Quality Management System Certificate, covering the minimum following aspects:
 - 7.2.1 Code of conduct for personnel involved in the relevant activity;
 - 7.2.2 Maintenance and calibration of measuring tools and gauges;
 - 7.2.3 Training programs for personnel;
 - 7.2.4 Supervision and verification to ensure compliance with operational procedures;
 - 7.2.5 Recording and reporting of information;
 - 7.2.6 Job preparation; and
 - 7.2.7 Periodic review of work process procedures, complaints, corrective and preventing actions and issuance, maintenance and control of documents.
 - 7.3 Availability of sufficient tools, and in particular any specialized tools specified in the manufacturer's instructions, including portable tools as needed for work to be carried out on board ship;
 - 7.4 Access to appropriate parts and accessories as specified for maintenance and repair as well as availability of the manufacturer's instructions for repair work involving disassembly or adjustment of on-load release mechanisms and davit winches;
 - 7.5 Copy of the Home Country Company Registry Certificate



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- 7.6 The above requirements indicated shall be submitted together with the [Application 023 Application for Service Provider Authorization](#). The applicable evaluation fee is communicated to the applicant, upon submission of the relevant application and supporting documentation.
- 7.7 In order to ascertain continuity of the good performance of the authorized service provider, the Palau Ship Registry Administrator reserves its right to carry out audits to local or international authorized service provider in any case.
- 7.8 Withdrawal of the approval can be imposed in case of non-compliance with the requirements of Resolution 402(96). A two-month notice will be provided in order to allow the authorized service provider to provide evidence of compliance.
8. Requirements for Certification of Personnel
- 8.1 Education and training of the personnel shall address as a minimum:
- 8.1.1 Knowledge of relevant rules and regulations, including international conventions.
- 8.1.2 Knowledge on design and construction of lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats and fast rescue boats, including on-load release gear and launching appliances;
- 8.1.3 Causes of lifeboat and rescue boat accidents;
- 8.1.4 Education and practical training in the procedures specified in section 6 for which certification is sought;
- 8.1.5 Detailed procedures for thorough examination, operational testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboat (including free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats and fast rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear, as applicable;
- 8.1.6 Knowledge on work, health and safety issues while conduction activities onboard.
- 8.1.7 Knowledge on procedures for issuing a report of service and statement of fitness for purpose.
- 8.2 Training should include practical technical training on thorough examination, operational testing, maintenance, repair and overhaul techniques using the equipment for which the personnel are to be certified. The technical training shall include disassembly, reassembly, correct operation and adjustment of the equipment. Classroom training shall be supplemented by field experience in the operations for which certification is sought, under the supervision of a certified person.



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- 8.3 Prior to issuance of certification, a competency assessment shall be satisfactorily completed, using the equipment for which the personnel are to be certified.
- 8.4 Manufacturers or Authorized Service Providers are responsible to conduct a competency assessment to renew the personnel certifications. In cases where refresher training is found necessary a further assessment shall be carried out after completion.
9. List of Authorized Service Providers
 - 9.1 A list of authorized service providers can be requested directly to the Palau Ship Registry Administrator by email to the address technical@palaureg.com.
 - 9.2 This list of authorized service providers is published in the Palau International Ship Registry website www.palaureg.com in the Section [Service Providers](#).
10. Contact
 - 10.1 For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Technical Department of PISR at technical@palaureg.com.

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