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Marine Department Notice

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Subject: Maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear.

As the International Maritime Organization: IMO determine in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as amended, Chapter III: Life -Saving Appliances and Arrangements which mandates ships of 500 gross tonnage or more shall undergo maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear in accordance with the Resolution MSC.402 (96) of the Maritime Safety Committee. In order to make such operations efficiently complied with clause 10 of Ship Survey Regulation on Criteria, Process and Condition for issuing the Safety of Life at Sea Certificate B.E. 2559 (2016) including the SOLAS Convention 1974 and Resolution of the Maritime Safety Committee thereof, Marine Department therefore announced the requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear as follows:

Clause 1 This Notice shall apply to ships of 500 gross tonnage or more, engaged on international voyages.

Clause 2 In this Notice,

“Maintenance” means maintenance of machinery, engines and equipment according to manufacturer's instructions.

“Overhaul” means a periodical activity defined by the manufacturer that proves continued fitness for purpose for a defined period subject to correct maintenance.

“Repair” means any activities requiring disassembly of equipment, or any other activities outside the scope of the instructions for on-board maintenance and for emergency repair of life-saving appliances prepared in accordance with SOLAS regulations III clause 35.3.18 and clause 36.2.

“Launching Appliances” means devices for launching of Free-Fall Lifeboat, Rescue Boat, Fast Rescue Boat, Life Raft and other safety equipment that shall be transferred to the water when using.

“SOLAS Convention 1974” means International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as amended.

Clause 3 Ships of 500 gross tonnage or more, engaged on international voyages shall receive annual or every five-year maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear by service provider certified by Marine Department in accordance with the regulations issued under section 163 and section 163/1 of the Navigation in the Thai Waters Act B.E. 2456 (1913), as amended, or by service provider certified by Ship Inspection Institute which is a full member of International Association of Classification Societies: IACS and recognized by Marine Department, or by service provider certified by another party state in accordance with Resolution MSC.402 (96) which is set out in the annex to this notice.

Weekly or monthly inspections and maintenance of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear shall be conducted by shipboard personnel under the direction of a senior ship's officer in accordance with the manufacturer's maintenance manual(s) along with records of inspections for review upon request.

Clause 4 In cases where the manufacturer is no longer in business and do not transfer or authorize the business to the other company, or no longer provides technical support, ship owners shall submit an application form Kor 5 to Ship Standard Bureau or through the E-Service system for Director of Ship Standard Bureau to consider allowing such ships to receive services from the service provider certified by Marine Department in accordance with the regulations issued under section 163 and section 163/1 of the Navigation in the Thai Waters Act B.E. 2456 (1913), as amended, or from the service provider certified by Ship Inspection Institute which is a full member of International Association of Classification Societies: IACS, and recognized by Marine Department. They shall demonstrate that such service provider has availability of sufficient appliances and equipment, and has the expertise in providing services.

The government surveyor or surveyor of the Ship Inspection Institute which is a full member of International Association of Classification Societies: IACS, and recognized by Marine Department shall witness in providing such services as well.

Clause 5 In cases of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear including davit-launched liferafts not produced by the same manufacturer, ship owners shall submit an application form Kor 5 to Ship Standard Bureau or the E-Service system for Director of Ship Standard Bureau to consider allowing such ships to receive services from the service provider certified by Marine Department in accordance with the regulations issued under section 163 and section 163/1 of the Navigation in the Thai Waters Act B.E. 2456 (1913), as amended, or from the service provider certified by Ship Inspection Institute which is a full member of International Association of Classification Societies: IACS, and recognized by Marine Department. The Service Provider shall be certified by the manufacturer of either one of the equipment for which service is to be provided.

The government surveyor or surveyor of the Ship Inspection Institute which is a full member of International Association of Classification Societies: IACS, and recognized by Marine Department shall witness in providing such services as well.

Clause 6 In cases of emergency maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear and in port where there is no service provider meeting clause 7.1, clause 8.1 and clause 8.2 of the Resolution MSC.402 (96) set out in the annex to this notice, ship owners shall submit an application form Kor 5 to Ship Standard Bureau or through the E-Service system for Director of Ship Standard Bureau to consider allowing such ships to receive services from the service provider certified by Marine Department in accordance with the regulations issued under section 163 and section 163/1 of the Navigation in the Thai Waters Act B.E. 2456 (1913), as amended, or from the service provider certified by Ship Inspection Institute which is a full member of International Association of Classification Societies: IACS, and authorized by Marine Department, or by service provider certified by another party state. The government surveyor or surveyor of the Ship Inspection Institute which is a full member of International Association of Classification Societies: IACS, and recognized by Marine Department shall witness in providing such services as well.

In order to comply with the paragraph 1, ship owners shall explain reasons and details of the service provider who will conduct the service, together with service provider's certificate, certificate of personnel training completion and service process procedure to Director of Ship Standard Bureau to ensure that the service provider has the expertise to provide services properly and safely for such equipment.

This notice shall come into force with immediate effect.

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