
RULES FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT

2012 AMENDMENT NO.1

Rule No.55 15th November 2012

Resolved by Technical Committee on 27th July 2012

Approved by Board of Directors on 25th September 2012

“Rules for safety equipment” has been partly amended as follows:

Chapter 3 ARRANGEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

3.1 General

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Sub-paragraph -2 has been amended as follows.

2 Equipment or Installations listed below are to be approved by the Society. However, equipment or installations approved by the Government of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly, other Contracting Governments of the Convention or the party approved by the Government mentioned above may be exempted from the requirement provided that it is deemed appropriate by the Society.

((1) to (3) are omitted)

(4) Life saving appliances

- (a) Radiotelegraph installations for lifeboats
- (b) Portable radio apparatus for survival craft
- (c) Survival craft emergency position-indicating radio beacons
- (d) Two-way radio telephone apparatus
- (e) Rocket parachute flares
- (f) Line-throwing appliances
- (g) Lifeboats
- (h) Release mechanisms of lifeboats or rescue boats launched by falls other than free-fall lifeboats
- ~~(hi)~~ Liferafts
- ~~(ij)~~ Rescue boats
- ~~(jk)~~ Survival craft embarkation and launching arrangements
- ~~(kl)~~ Lifebuoys
- ~~(lm)~~ Lifejackets
- ~~(mn)~~ Immersion suits
- ~~(no)~~ Pilot ladders
- ~~(op)~~ Radar transponders and AIS-SART
- ~~(pq)~~ Radio direction finders

((5) and (6) are omitted)

EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION

- 1.** The effective date of the amendments is 1 January 2013.

GUIDANCE FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT

GUIDANCE

2012 AMENDMENT NO.2

Notice No.84 15th November 2012

Resolved by Technical Committee on 27th July 2012

“Guidance for safety equipment” has been partly amended as follows:

Chapter 2 SURVEYS OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT

2.1 General

Paragraph 2.1.2 has been amended as follows.

2.1.2 Time of Registration Surveys and Intervals of Registration Maintenance Surveys

1 In accordance with **2.1.2(4)(c) of the Rules**, ships already constructed are to be subject to Occasional Surveys for the verifications as listed below.

(1) Release mechanisms of lifeboats launched by falls other than free-fall lifeboats

Notwithstanding Regulation 1.4.2 Chapter III of the Annex to the Convention, for all ships with lifeboat release mechanisms not complying with LSA Code 4.4.7.6.4 to 4.4.7.6.6, it is to be verified that lifeboat release mechanisms complying with LSA Code 4.4.7.6 are fitted by the first scheduled dry-docking after 1 July 2014 (however, not later than 1 July 2019).

(~~2~~) Electric Chart Display and Information System

For tankers not less than 3,000 *gross tonnage* which had been at the beginning stage of their construction before 1 July 2012 and cargo ships, other than tankers, not less than 10,000 *gross tonnage* which had been at the beginning stage of their construction before 1 July 2013, the verification of compliance with Regulation 19.2.10 or 19.2.11 Chapter V of the Annex to the Convention relating to electric chart display and information system.

(~~3~~) Bridge navigational watch alarm systems

For ships not less than 150 *gross tonnage* which had been at beginning stage of construction before 1 July 2011, the verification of compliance with Regulation 19.2.2.3 or 19.2.2.4 Chapter V of the Annex to the Convention relating to bridge navigational watch alarm systems.

(~~4~~) Adult lifejackets

For ships which had been at beginning stage of construction between 1 July 1998 to 30 June 2010, the verification of compliance with Regulation 7.2.1.5, Chapter III of the Annex to the Convention relating to lifejackets.

(45) Shipside doors used for pilot transfers

For ships which had been at the beginning stage of construction before 1 January 1994, the verification of compliance with Regulation 23.1.5, Chapter V of the Annex to the Convention.

2 In the requirement given in **-1(~~2~~)**, (~~23~~) and **(45)** above, the term “first survey” which is referenced by a regulation in SOLAS means the Registration Survey or the first Registration Maintenance Survey.

3 For ships specified in **-1(~~2~~)** above, in cases where tankers not less than 3,000 *gross tonnage* which had been at the beginning stage of their construction before 1 July 2012 and cargo ships, other than tankers, not less than 10,000 *gross tonnage* which had been at the beginning stage of their construction before 1 July 2013 are delivered on or after the dates specified in Regulations 19.2.10.6, 19.2.10.7, 19.2.10.8 and 19.2.10.9 Chapter V of the Annex to the Convention respectively, it is to be verified that electric chart display and information system are fitted during Registration Surveys notwithstanding the requirements given in **-1(~~2~~)**.

4 For ships specified in **-1(~~23~~)** above, in cases where the ship is delivered after the dates specified in Regulations 19.2.2.3.3, 19.2.2.3.4 and 19.2.2.3.5 Chapter V of the Annex to the

Convention respectively, it is to be verified that bridge navigational watch alarm systems are fitted during Registration Surveys notwithstanding the requirements given in ~~-1(23)~~.

5 The surveys given in ~~-1(34)~~ above are to be carried out by the first periodical survey after 1 July 2010.

Chapter 3 ARRANGEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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Sub-paragraph -16 has been added as follows.

16 In cases where the Administration requires the fitting of fall preventer devices (FPDs), the following (1) to (3) are to be complied with. However, in cases where special instructions are required by the Administration, the requirements may be dispensed with.

- (1) In cases where locking pins are provided as a fall preventer device, the pins are to be designed so that they have a minimum safety factor of 6 in accordance with **LSA Code 6.1.1.6**. In addition, in cases where existing on-load release hooks are drilled to provide a locking pin insertion point, the strength of the hooks is to continue to satisfy the relevant requirements in the **LSA Code** and is to comply with the requirements of *MSC.1/Circ.1327* paragraph 2.1. Furthermore, any modification of said hook is to be approved by the hook manufacturer.
- (2) The lifeboat and davit manufacturer is to confirm that the attachment eye is suitable for the use of the proposed fall preventer device. In cases where the lifeboat and/or davit manufacturer is no longer in existence, suitability is to be determined by an independent service provider specified in **Chapter 10, Part 3 of the Rules for Approval of Manufactures and Service Suppliers**.
- (3) Fall preventer devices are to be approved by the Society in accordance with **Chapter 11, Part 7 of the Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use**.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION

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