

RULES FOR APPROVAL OF MANUFACTURERS AND SERVICE SUPPLIERS

**Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers
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AMENDMENT TO THE RULES FOR APPROVAL OF MANUFACTURERS AND SERVICE SUPPLIERS

“Rules for approval of manufacturers and service suppliers” has been partly amended as follows:

Part 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF SERVICE SUPPLIERS

Title of Chapter 10 has been amended as follows.

Chapter 10 FIRMS ENGAGED IN THE SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF LIFEBOATS, RESCUE BOATS, FAST RESCUE BOATS, LAUNCHING APPLIANCES, ~~ON-LOAD~~ RELEASE GEAR AND AUTOMATIC RELEASE HOOKS

10.1 General

Paragraph 10.1.1 has been amended as follows.

10.1.1 Application

This chapter applies to firms engaged in the servicing and maintenance of the life-saving appliances listed below:

- (1) Lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats);
- (2) Rescue boats;
- (3) Fast rescue boats;
- (~~2~~4) Launching appliances for lifeboats (including primary and secondary means of launching appliances for free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats, fast rescue boats and davit-launched liferafts;
- (~~3~~5) On-load ~~+~~Release gear for lifeboats, rescue boats, fast rescue boats and davit-launched liferafts; and
- (~~4~~6) Automatic release hooks.

Paragraph 10.1.2 has been amended as follows.

10.1.2 Approval

1 The contents of this procedure apply equally to manufacturers when they are acting as authorized suppliers.

2 Any supplier engaged in the thorough examination, operational testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats, rescue boats, fast rescue boats, launching appliances, on-load release gear and automatic release hooks carried out in accordance with *SOLAS* regulation III/20 (as amended) are to be qualified in these operations for each make and type of equipment for which they provide the service, and provide manufacturers documentary evidence that they have been so authorized or they are certified in accordance with an established system for training and authorisation in accordance with ~~MSC.1/Circ.1277~~ MSC.402(96) (as amended).

3 In cases where ~~an~~ the related equipment manufacturer is no longer in business or no longer provides technical support, suppliers may be authorised for the equipment on the basis of prior authorisation for the equipment and/or long term experience and demonstrated expertise as an authorized service provider.

10.2 Quality System

Paragraph 10.2.1 has been amended as follows.

10.2.1 Work Procedures

The supplier is to have documented work procedures, as required by 1.2.4, containing information for at least the following (1) to (4):

- (1) Information related to preparing and implementing the service of lifeboats, rescue boats, fast rescue boats, launching appliances, on-load release gear and automatic release hooks;
- (2) Information related to recording the conditions of defects found during servicing;
- (3) Information related to reporting the results of servicing to Society surveyors and receiving surveyor verification of said results; and
- (4) Information related to issuing service record certificates and statement.

Paragraph 10.2.3 has been amended as follows.

10.2.3 Reference Documents

The supplier is to have access to the documents listed in the following (1) to (4):

- (1) MSC.402(96) (as amended)~~MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1 (as amended) and MSC.1/Circ.1277(as amended);~~
- (2) A.689(17) (as amended) and for life-saving appliances installed on board on or after 1 July 1999, MSC.81(70), as amended;
- (3) For servicing and repair work involving disassembly or adjustment of ~~on-load~~ release mechanisms, availability of the equipment manufacturer's specifications and instructions; and
- (4) Type approval certificate ~~showing~~ which enables to verify any conditions that may be appropriate ~~during~~ for the servicing and/or maintenance of lifeboats, rescue boats, fast rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load, release gear and automatic release hooks.

10.3 Operators and Supervisors

Paragraph 10.3.1 has been amended as follows.

10.3.1 Qualifications, etc.

1 (Omitted)

2 Certification of Personnel

- (1) Personnel are to be certified by the manufacturer or authorized service provider for each make and type of the equipment to be worked on.
- (2) Employment and documentation of personnel are to be certified in accordance with a recognized national, international or industry standard as applicable, or an equipment manufacturer's established certification program. In either case, the certification program is to be based on the provisions of this Chapter for each make and type of equipment for which service is to be provided.

3 Education and training of personnel

- (1) The education and training for initial certification of personnel are to be documented and address, as a minimum the following (a) to (f):
 - (a) ~~e~~Causes of lifeboat and rescue boats accidents;
 - (b) ~~r~~Relevant rules and regulations, including International Conventions as well as IAG Administration requirements, as well as the Rules of the Society related to the servicing of lifeboats, rescue boats, fast rescue boats, launching appliances and, on-load release

gear and automatic release hooks, and the inspection instructions for said devices issued by the Society;

- (c) ~~Design~~ and construction of lifeboats, rescue boats, fast rescue boats, including launching appliances, on-load release gear and automatic release hooks;
 - (d) ~~E~~Education and practical training in the procedures specified in ~~Annex 1 to MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1~~ paragraph 6 of MSC.402(96) (as amended) for which certification is sought;
 - (e) ~~D~~Detailed procedures for thorough examination, operational testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats, rescue boats, fast rescue boats, launching appliances, on-load release gear and automatic release hooks, as applicable; and
 - (f) ~~P~~Procedures for issuing a report of service and statement of fitness for purpose based on ~~paragraph 15 of Annex 1 to MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1~~ paragraph 5.3 of MSC.402(96) (as amended);
- (2) The education and training for the personnel are to include practical technical training on ~~actual inspection~~ thorough examination, operational testing, maintenance, repair and maintenance-overhaul techniques using the equipment (~~lifeboats, launching appliances, on-load release gear and automatic release hooks~~) for which the personnel are to be certified. The technical training is to include disassembly, reassembly, correct operation and adjustment of the equipment. Classroom training is to be supplemented by field experience in the operations for which certification is sought, under the supervision of ~~an experienced senior~~ a certified person.

(-4 and -5 are omitted.)

10.4 Demonstration

Paragraph 10.4.1 has been amended as follows.

10.4.1 Demonstration

1 On board demonstrations are to be carried out in the presence of a Society surveyor to verify that the suppliers have appropriate competence for the services of lifeboats, rescue boats, fast rescue boats, launching appliances, on-load release gear, or automatic release hooks. However, as for the lifeboats, rescue boats, fast rescue boats, launching appliances, on-load release gear, and automatic release hooks for which said demonstration is difficult to carry out, may be substituted for by the submission of the service record certificates.

2 In cases where the supplier has been approved by other classification societies, a part of or the whole of the demonstration may be dispensed with.

Section 10.5 has been amended as follows.

10.5 Equipment and Facilities for Service

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For the purpose of servicing for life saving appliances, ~~The~~ supplier is to have access to the following equipment and facilities:

- (1) ~~S~~Sufficient tools, and in particular any specialized tools specified in the ~~equipment~~ manufacturer's instructions, including portable tools as needed for work to be carried out on board ship;
- (2) ~~A~~Access to sufficient materials, spare parts and accessories ~~as specified by the equipment~~

- ~~manufacturer for repairing lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear and maintenance, as applicable; and~~
- (3) ~~for servicing and~~ Manufacturer's instructions for repair work involving disassembly or adjustment of on-load release mechanisms and davit winches, availability of genuine replacement parts as specified or supplied by the equipment manufacturer.

Section 10.6 has been amended as follows.

10.6 Reporting to the Society

10.6.1 Reporting

The report is to conform to the requirements ~~of~~ in paragraph 5.1 of 15, Annex 1 to MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1 MSC.402(96). When ~~repairs,~~ thorough examinations and annual servicing, operational testing, overhaul and repair are completed, a statement confirming that the lifeboat arrangements remain fit for purpose is to be promptly issued by ~~the supplier~~ the manufacturer or authorized service supplier which carried out them. A copy of valid documents of the personnel certification and the supplier authorization as appropriate are to be included with the statement.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION

1. The effective date of the amendments is 1 January 2020.
2. Notwithstanding the amendments to the Rules, the current requirements apply before the effective date.
3. Notwithstanding the provision of preceding 2., the amendments to the Rules may apply to the service suppliers for which the application for approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 July 2019 but before the effective date upon request of the service suppliers.