Inspection, Testing, Maintenance, Repair, etc. of Life-saving Appliances such as Lifeboats

Amended Rules

    Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers

Reason for Amendment

    Up until now, the inspection and maintenance, etc. of life-saving appliances such as lifeboats have been for the most part conducted by service providers authorized by Administrations in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1 and MSC.1/Circ.1277 based upon SOLAS III/Reg.20. Relevant requirements regarding this have already been incorporated into the ClassNK Rules.

    At the 96th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC96) held in May 2016, the IMO adopted resolution MSC.402(96) which specifies requirements related to the maintenance, through examination and operational testing of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and so on. In addition, the IMO adopted Resolution MSC.404(96) which amends SOLAS III/Reg. 3 and 20 so as to make compliance with the requirements of MSC.402(96) mandatory.

    Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with MSC.402(96) and MSC.404(96).

Outline of Amendment

    The main contents of this amendment are as follows:

(1) Amended requirements regarding the authorization of service providers for life-saving appliances such as lifeboats so that they also apply to the service providers engaged in the servicing and maintenance of other life-saving appliances such as rescue boats and fast rescue boats.

(2) Amended requirements related to the documents required to be submitted so that copy of documents for the certification of personnel and authorization of service suppliers are to be added to the statements confirming that lifeboat arrangements remain fit for the purposes intended by their manufacturers when said arrangements undergo thorough examinations, operational testing, overhauls or repairs by authorized service providers.

Amended Requirements

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    Part 3: Chapter 10, 10.1.1, 10.1.2, 10.2.1, 10.2.3, 10.3.1, 10.4.1, 10.5, 10.6