

Subject

The maintenance of falls used in launching appliances for Singapore flagged vessels

# **ClassNK**

## ***Technical Information***

No. TEC-0768  
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To whom it may concern

The requirement for the maintenance of falls used in launching appliances for Singapore flagged vessels has been notified by IMO SLS.14/Circular.335 as per attached.

**Abstract:**

Although the renewal interval of boat falls is to be not more than 5 years in accordance with SOLAS Reg.III/20.4 (Refer to ClassNK Technical Information No.TEC-0740), the interval may be extended to not more than 10 years subject to annual thorough inspection.

We have confirmed that “Marine grade stainless steel” is Type 316 Stainless Steel Alloy.

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**Attachment:**

1. IMO SLS.14/Circular.335

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16 January 2009

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974**

**Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5**

**Life-saving appliances**

**Communication by the Government of Singapore**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of Singapore on equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5 of the above Convention.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.



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The Secretary-General  
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Dear Sir,

NOTIFICATION OF AN EQUIVALENT ARRANGEMENT ACCEPTED UNDER  
REGULATION I/5 OF SOLAS 74 BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE  
MAINTENANCE OF FALLS (REG III/20.4 OF SOLAS 74 AS AMENDED)

In accordance with Reg I/5(b) of SOLAS 74 as amended, we hereby give notification of an equivalent arrangement to Regulation III/20.4 (*Maintenance of falls*) accepted by the Government of Singapore under Regulation I/5 of SOLAS 74 as amended in the attached statement.

Yours faithfully

  
Tan Leong Beng  
for DIRECTOR OF MARINE  
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A circular official seal of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. The outer ring contains the text 'DIRECTOR OF MARINE' at the top and 'SINGAPORE' at the bottom. The center of the seal features the MPA logo and the text 'MPA SINGAPORE'.

Statement by the Government of Singapore

EQUIVALENT ARRANGEMENT ACCEPTED UNDER REGULATION I/5  
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE  
MAINTENANCE OF FALLS (REG III/20.4 OF SOLAS 74 AS AMENDED)

1 Reg III/20.4 of SOLAS 74 as amended requires falls used in launching appliances to be renewed at intervals of not more than 5 years.

2 Falls made of marine grade stainless steel greatly improved its service life and do not deteriorate measurably when used on board ships.

3 In view of this, the renewal interval of falls made of marine grade stainless steel may be extended to not more than 10 years subject to annual thorough inspection of the whole length of the falls and shall be renewed when necessary due to unexpected deterioration or damage.

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