

Subject

The remotely located survival craft (liferaft required by SOLAS Chapter III/31.1.4) flying Isle of Man Flag

# **ClassNK**

## **Technical Information**

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To whom it may concern

Isle of Man Government has notified of the remotely located survival craft (liferaft required by SOLAS Chapter III/31.1.4) for that flagged ships as follows.

According to the interpretation contained in IMO circular MSC.1/Circ. 1243, the area where the remotely located survival craft, required by regulation 31.1.4 of SOLAS Chapter III, is stowed should be provided with:

1. a minimum number of 2 lifejackets and 2 immersion suits;
2. adequate means of illumination complying with SOLAS regulation III/16.7, either fixed or portable, which should be capable of illuminating the liferaft stowage position as well as the area of water into which the liferaft should be launched. Portable lights, when used, should have brackets to permit their positioning on both sides of the ship; and
3. an embarkation ladder or other means of embarkation enabling descent to the water in a controlled manner\* in accordance with SOLAS regulation III/11.7.

\* Knotted rope is not acceptable as "other means of embarkation".

As for above No.2, the permanent or portable lights are to be fitted with permanent brackets and electrical cables from the emergency power source.

The requirement is to be applied to all ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards regardless of date of construction.

Whilst permanent brackets to hold the lights in place they should be able to swivel or move to ensure the light shines over the side for embarkation purposes.

Where sockets and /or temporary brackets are provided for the portable lights, provided these allow the portable lights are to be readily placed in position for abandonment then these would be acceptable. Demonstration of ease of use is to be required to ensure that this is the case.

As for above No.1 and 3, the requirements are to be applied to the ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2008.

The compliance with these requirements is to be verified at the first SE survey after 6 December 2010 in respect of Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate.

(To be continued)

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However, taking account of the safe modification is to be made on above No.2, i.e. the use of causing fire and smoke is prohibited for oil tankers and chemical tankers etc., such ships are confirmed at next dry docking survey after 6 December 2010.

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