

Subject

Fall Preventer Devices (FPDs) for the Hong Kong-registered vessels

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To whom it may concern

The Hong Kong Government has notified ClassNK of the special requirement for fall preventer devices (FPDs) for lifeboats on board Hong Kong-registered vessels as follows.

- (a) With a view to reducing the accidental release of lifeboat, shipowners and managers of Hong Kong registered vessels are strongly urged to ensure that the lifeboats on their ships fitted with on-load release devices are equipped with fall preventer devices (FPD) as per paragraph 6 of the Guidelines for Evaluation and Replacement of Lifeboat Release and Retrieval Systems (MSC.1/Circ.1392), pending the evaluation which will be conducted in accordance with the above guidelines; and
- (b) Provided that the existing lifeboat release and retrieval systems have been evaluated (not later than 1 July 2013) in accordance with the above guidelines as being non-compliant with the revised LSA Code, it is a mandatory requirement that FPDs are to be fitted to the subject lifeboat release and retrieval systems until the systems meet any one of the five conditions as stipulated in paragraph 6 of the guidelines; and
- (c) In any case, every lifeboat on-load release mechanisms not complying with LSA code as newly amended are required to be replaced or modified to be made compliant, not later than the next scheduled dry-docking after 1 July 2014, but not later than 1 July 2019. (MSC.1/Circ.1392).

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