

Subject

Summary of LSA Code amendments adopted by Marine Safety Committee (MSC) at the 87th session Rev.1

ClassNK

Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

Marine Safety Committee (MSC) has amended LSA Code 4.2(an average mass per embarked person for liferaft) by Res.MSC.293(87) at the 87th session and ClassNK Technical Information No.TEC-0881 dated 8 December 2011 has been issued for the information of the application date.

Due to the instructions from the four Governments (Cyprus, Liberia, Malta, Singapore), the Technical Information has been revised as follows. The said No.TEC-0881 is revoked, accordingly.

At present, with regard to the application date of this amendment, the following flag states treat the same application with ClassNK: this amendment is applied for the liferafts installed for ships the keels of which are laid on or after 1 January 2012.

- Bahamas, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Liberia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Panama

On the other hand, the Singapore Government has notified that the amended LSA Code is to be applied for the liferafts which newly installed or replaced on or after 1 January 2012 for Singapore flag vessels. Therefore, please kindly follow this instruction for the liferafts which will be installed or replaced from now on.

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1. Summary of Revised LSA Code
2. RESOLUTION MSC.293(87)

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Summary of Revised LSA Code

Note: "x.x.x.x" in the column "Article number" means paragraph x.x.x.x of LSA Code

Article number	Amended requirement	Date and Note
Liferaft		
4.2.2.1	The main buoyancy chamber shall be divided into not less than two separate compartments, each inflated through a nonreturn inflation valve on each compartment. The buoyancy chambers shall be so arranged that, in the event of any one of the compartments being damaged or failing to inflate, the intact compartments shall be able to support, with positive freeboard over the liferaft's entire periphery, the number of persons which the liferaft is permitted to accommodate, each having a mass of 75 <u>82.5</u> kg and seated in their normal positions.	2012/1/1 Partly changed
4.2.3.3	the number of persons having an average mass of 75 <u>82.5</u> kg, all wearing either immersion suits and lifejackets or, in the case of davit-launched liferafts, lifejackets, that can be seated with sufficient comfort and headroom without interfering with the operation of any of the liferaft's equipment.	2012/1/1 Partly changed
4.3.3.3	the number of persons having an average mass of 75 <u>82.5</u> kg, all wearing immersion suits and lifejackets, that can be seated with sufficient comfort and headroom without interfering with the operation of any of the liferaft's equipment.	2012/1/1 Partly changed

ANNEX 7

**RESOLUTION MSC.293(87)
(adopted on 21 May 2010)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE
INTERNATIONAL LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE (LSA) CODE**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING resolution MSC.48(66), by which it adopted the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (hereinafter referred to as "the LSA Code"), which has become mandatory under chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"),

NOTING ALSO article VIII(b) and regulation III/3.10 of the Convention concerning the procedure for amending the LSA Code,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its eighty-seventh session, amendments to the LSA Code, proposed and circulated in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) of the Convention,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the LSA Code, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2011, unless prior to that date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified their objections to the amendments;
3. INVITES Contracting Governments to note that, in accordance with article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2012 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article VIII(b)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the Annex to all Contracting Governments to the Convention;
5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its Annex to Members of the Organization, which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention.

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**CHAPTER IV
SURVIVAL CRAFT**

In paragraphs 4.2.2.1, 4.2.3.3 and 4.3.3.3, the figure "75 kg" is replaced by the figure "82.5 kg".
