

Subject

Omission of "Launching at 5 knots" test of Rescue boat(s) for Malta flagged vessels

ClassNK

Technical Information

No. TEC-0950
Date 18 April 2013

To whom it may concern

The Maltese Government has noticed ClassNK of the notice for omission of "Launching at 5 knots" test of Rescue boat(s) for sister ships.

Previously, the omission of "Launching at 5 knots" test for sister ships during new building had not been accepted.

By the notice and detailed instruction from the Maltese Government, the omission of "Launching at 5 knots" test of Rescue Boat(s) for sister ships is accepted subject to confirmation of followings;

1. The sister ships are built according to the same plans of the lead ship on which the test has been carried out
2. They are provided with Rescue Boat(s) and Launching arrangement(s) that are identical to those on the lead ship on which the launch test has been carried out stated as above 1.
3. Type of Rescue Boat(s) is the same.

This instruction may apply to ships of which the keels were laid or which were at a similar stage of construction on or after 13 March 2013.

However, the test for Lifeboat(s) should also be carried out for sister ships.

For any questions about the above, please contact:

NIPPON KAIJI KYOKAI (ClassNK)
Survey Department, Administration Center, Head Office
Address: 4-7 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8567, Japan
Tel.: +81-3-5226-2027 / 2028
Fax: +81-3-5226-2029
E-mail: svd@classnk.or.jp

Attachment:

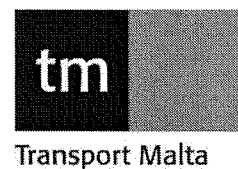
1. Notice from the Malta Government (Technical Notice SLS.24)

NOTES:

- ClassNK Technical Information is provided only for the purpose of supplying current information to its readers.
- ClassNK, its officers, employees and agents or sub-contractors do not warrant the accuracy of the information contained herein and are not liable for any loss, damage or expense sustained whatsoever by any person caused by use of or reliance on this information.
- Back numbers are available on ClassNK Internet Homepage (URL: www.classnk.or.jp).



Merchant Shipping Directorate



LAUNCH TEST OF RESCUE BOAT

Technical Notice SLS.24

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

The Directorate refers to Resolution MSC.81(70), Part 2, Paragraph 5.4, that *inter alia*, states that *it should be demonstrated that the fully equipped lifeboat on cargo ships of 20,000 gross tons or more and rescue boat can be launched from a ship proceeding ahead at a speed of not less than 5 knots in calm water and on an even keel. There should be no damage to the lifeboat or the rescue boat or their equipment as a result of this test.*

In addition to the above production and installation test, Regulation 17.3 of Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended prescribes a launch test whereby *all rescue boats shall be capable of being launched, where necessary utilizing painters, with the ship making headway at speeds up to 5 knots in calm water.*

For ships built according to the same plans and with identical rescue boat(s) and launching arrangement(s) installed, the successful results from the launch test at 5 knots headway speed for the lead ship are acceptable as documented evidence of the ability to similarly launch the rescue boat(s) from the sister ship(s) in the series. The Recognized Organization, after having verified that the aforementioned requisites are fulfilled, may proceed with documenting accordingly the waiver from the launch test for the sister ship(s).

Merchant Shipping Directorate

13 March 2013

Malta Transport Centre
Marsa, MRS 1917 Malta

Tel: +356 2125 0360 Fax: +356 2124 1460
Email: mershipmalta.tm@transport.gov.mt
www.transport.gov.mt/ship-registration