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MARINE CIRCULAR 5/2025

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TO : Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Charterers, Ship Masters, Recognized Organizations

SUBJECT : NEW SAFETY REQUIREMENT GUIDELINES FOR LIFTING APPLIANCES AND LOOSE GEAR – SOLAS II-1/3-13

REFERENCES :

- (a) SOLAS II-1/3-13 – Adopted on 08 June 2023 by IMO Resolution MSC.532(107)
- (b) IMO MSC.1/Circ.1663 – Guidelines for Lifting Appliances, 28 Jun 2023
- (c) ILO 152 – ILO Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Convention 1979

DEFINITIONS :

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “RO” – means Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19)
- “SOLAS” – means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended

The term “Administration” shall mean the Kiribati Ship Registry.

APPLICATION :

This circular applies to all Kiribati-flagged ships fitted with lifting appliances and associated loose gear.

PURPOSE :

To implement the requirements of SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-13 as adopted by Resolution MSC.532(107), together with the corresponding guidance contained in IMO MSC.1/Circ.1663, effective 01 January 2026.

CONTENTS :

1. New installations (ships constructed or retrofitted on or after 01 January 2026)

The design, construction and installation of lifting appliances and associated loose gear shall comply with the requirements of a RO authorized by the Administration.

2. Existing installations (ships constructed or retrofitted before 01 January 2026)

2.1. Compliance with the provisions of SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-13 shall be demonstrated at the first renewal survey on or after 01 January 2026, in accordance with the procedures set out in MSC.1/Circ.1663.

2.2. Existing valid certificates or documentation, acceptable to the Administration, may be recognized as evidence of compliance.

3. Recognized Organizations

ROs are instructed to apply these requirements during all initial, annual and renewal survey carried out on or after 01 January 2026.

4. Ship owners and ROs are advised to refer to IMO MSC.1/Circ.1663 – Guidelines for Lifting Appliances for detailed implementation guide

Yours sincerely,

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