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TO Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Charterers, Ship Master and Crew, Classification Societies and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear

PURPOSE

The purpose of this marine circular is disseminate the requirements relating to maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear.

APPLICATION

This Circular is relevant and applicable to all Kiribati flagged vessels.

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- "IACS" – International Association of Classification Societies
- "IMO" – International Maritime Organization
- "LSA" – Life-Saving Appliance
- "LSA Code" – International Life-Saving Appliances Code, as amended
- "MSC" – Maritime Safety Committee (IMO)
- "RO" – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19).
- "SOLAS" – International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended

The term "Administration" shall mean Kiribati Ship Registry

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With the adoption of amendments to regulations III/3 and III/20 of SOLAS by resolution MSC.404(96) from 01 January 2020, the maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of the following items shall be carried out in accordance with the [IMO Resolution MSC.402\(96\)](#):

- (a) Lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats and fast rescue boats.
- (b) Launching appliances as well as on-load and off-load release gears for lifeboats (including primary and secondary means of launching appliances for free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats, fast rescue boats and davit-launched life rafts.

Additionally, Annex 2.2.1 and 3.1 of [IMO Resolution MSC.402\(96\)](#) requires the above to be carried out by service providers authorized by the flag administrations. In this regard, the Administration confirms that service providers meeting the following conditions will be recognized as authorized service providers:

- (a) Authorized by a RO of Kiribati (<https://kiribaship.com/RecognizedOrganization>); or
- (b) Authorized by other flag administrations or their ROs.

REFERENCES:

- (a) International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as amended
- (b) International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code, as amended
- (c) IMO MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1, dated 26 May 2006, Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats
- (d) IMO MSC.1/Circ.1277, dated 23 May 2008, Interim recommendation on conditions for authorization of service providers for lifeboats launching appliances and on-load release gear
- (e) IMO Resolution MSC.404(96), adopted on 19 May 2016, Amendments to the international convention for the safety of life at sea, 1974, as amended
- (f) [IMO Resolution MSC.402\(96\)](#), adopted on 19 May 2016, Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear ([http://www.imo.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/Maritime-Safety-Committee-\(MSC\)/Documents/MSC.402\(96\).pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/Maritime-Safety-Committee-(MSC)/Documents/MSC.402(96).pdf))

Yours sincerely,

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