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**Authorization of Service Providers for Survival craft, Rescue boats, Launching Appliances
and On-load Release Gear**

**Applicable to: All Ship - Owners, ship Operators, Flag State Surveyors, Recognized
Organizations, Masters and Officers of Myanmar Flagged Ships,
Service Providers**

References:

- (a) SOLAS 1974, as amended
- (b) IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1277
- (c) IMO Res MSC. 402(96)
- (d) IMO Res A.761 (81) as amended MSC.55(66)
- (e) IMO Res MSC.81 (70)

1 The Department of Marine Administration circulates this directive in the exercise of the power conferred by Section 294 (B), paragraph (b) of Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act 1923, as amended.

2 This directive applies to all Myanmar flagged ships engaged on International voyage complying with the relevant requirements of SOLAS 1974, as amended.

3 The Guidance and Standards for Authorization of Service Providers for Survival craft, Rescue boats, Launching Appliances and On-load Release Gear is set out by the Department of Marine Administration to fulfill the relevant requirements of SOLAS 1974, as amended and above-mentioned references.

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DEPARTMENT OF MARINE ADMINISTRATION - MYANMAR

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR AUTHORIZATION OR ACCEPTANCE
AND RECOGNITION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR SURVIVAL CRAFT, RESCUE
BOATS, LAUNCHING APPLIANCES AND ON-LOAD RELEASE GEAR**

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1. Standard Operating Procedure for Authorization or Acceptance and Recognition of Service Providers for Survival craft, Rescue boats, Launching Appliances and On-load Release Gear

1.1 Policy

To ensure the competent service providers for maintenance and testing of Survival craft, Rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear onboard are authorized or accepted and recognized in accordance with the requirements of relevant IMO guidelines for the safe operation of the ships.

1.2 Purpose

To provide parties concerned with all available information and requirements related to the authorization or acceptance and recognition of service providers for stringent compliance with and uniform application of this procedure.

1.3. Responsibilities

1.3.1 The **Director General** is responsible for the overall in-charge of the implementation of this procedure. The Deputy Director General (Tech) is responsible for the same in the absence of Director General or when delegated by Director General.

1.3.2. The **Director (Nautical Division)** is responsible for

- .1 the decision on policy matters, close monitoring and improvement of the process,
- .2 the recommendation which is required to provide to the Director General for the acceptance and recognition of the service providers, who are not situated in Myanmar, and

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.3 the proposal for the amendment of this procedure as and when required.

1.3.3. The Ship's Owners/Ship's Masters are responsible for the engagement of

.1 the Service Providers, who are authorized or accepted and recognized by the Department of Marine Administration (DMA) whenever the thorough examination, operational test, repair, and overhaul of Survival craft, Rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear maintenance and the testing of Lifeboat or Rescue boat on-load release gear including free-fall lifeboat release systems take place, and

.2 the Recognized Organizations.

1.3.4 The Recognized Organizations are responsible for monitoring and verification of thorough examination, operational test, repair, and overhaul of Survival craft, Rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear maintenance and the testing of Lifeboat or Rescue boat on-load release gear including free-fall lifeboat release systems on behalf of the DMA.

1.3.5 The Service Providers are responsible for carrying out the thorough examination, operational testing, repair, and overhaul of Survival craft, Rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear maintenance and the testing of Survival craft, Rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear in accordance with the relevant requirements of SOLAS 1974, as amended, taking into account the IMO Resolution MSC. 402 (96), IMO Resolution A.761(18) as amended and MSC.55 (66) and IMO Resolution MSC.81 (70).

1.4 . Authorization or Acceptance and Recognition

1.4.1 Authorization

In case when there are Service Provides in Myanmar and upon their request, they shall be checked, inspected and certified in accordance with the IMO MSC. 1/Circ. 1277 by one of the Recognized Organizations who will be nominated by the DMA enabling the DMA to consider and grant the Authorization. Once any Service Provider is authorized, the DMA will bring it by Directive and/or Guidance to the attention of all parties concerned.

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1.4.2 Acceptance and Recognition

The DMA accepts and recognizes the service providers authorized by other SOLAS Contracting Governments or by their Recognized Organizations or checked, inspected and certified by Recognized Organizations of Myanmar.

1.5. List of Service Providers, Authorized by the DMA

The list is attached to the Annex 1 of Guidance and Standards for Authorization of Service Providers for Survival craft, Rescue boats, Launching Appliances and On-load Release Gear.

1.6. List of Recognized Organizations

The list is attached to the Annex 2 of Guidance and Standards for Authorization of Service Providers for Survival craft, Rescue boats, Launching Appliances and On-load Release Gear.

1.7 References

1.7.1 SOLAS 1974, as amended

1.7.2 Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act 1923, as amended

1.7.3 IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1277

1.7.4 IMO Resolution A.761 (18) and MSC.55 (66)

1.7.5 IMO Resolution MSC.402 (96)

1.7.6 IMO Resolution MSC.81 (70)

1.7.7 Guidance and Standards for Authorization of Service Providers for Survival craft, Rescue boats, Launching Appliances and On-load Release Gear.

1.8 Records

1.8.1 The documents related to the Authorization of Service Providers.

1.8.2 The copy of the record of thorough examination, operational testing, repair, and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear on board Myanmar flagged ships.

The records shall be retained on board Myanmar flagged ships for the service life of the equipment.