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FLEET SAFETY LETTER 121819.GEN

Applicable to: This FLEET SAFETY LETTER should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators, Masters of Vanuatu-registered ships and Recognized Organizations

Authorized Service Provider
Lifeboats, Rescue Boats, Launching Appliances and Release Gear

1. As of 1 January 2020, the thorough examination, operational testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear required by SOLAS regulation III/20 shall be carried out by service providers authorized in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.402(96). The requirement also applies to manufacturers when they are acting as authorized service providers.
2. This Administration has delegated the authority to its Recognized Organizations to ensure that the service providers meet the requirements adopted by IMO Resolution MSC.402(96) and issue the relevant certification.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, certificates issued prior to 1 January 2020 under the provisions of IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ. 1277 and in accordance with IACS Unified Requirement URZ17 will remain valid until their expiration date or until 31 December 2022, whichever occurs earlier.



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by the direction of the
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