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	Circular 02-002-08 (Revised 11/11) Conditions for authorization of service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear (ILSTO)	Reference	IMO MSC 1 Circ. 1206, Rev.01 MSC 1 Circ. 1277 A&B Info Letter 01-2007

Circular letter to:

- all companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**
- all ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**
- all authorized Recognized Organizations (RO)**
- all independent lifeboat and service testing organisations (ILSTO)**

The Antigua Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) wishes to draw the attention of all above listed parties the following **new** procedures for ILSTO's to apply for **possible** authorisation to carry out periodical surveys in accordance with SOLAS Chapter III / regulation 20.11 and in compliance with IMO Circular MSC 1 / Circ 1206 Rev 1 – MSC / Circ 1277. One or more of the following sections may be used in the ILSTO approval process. (See sections 1,2,3)

1. Service providers (ILSTO) may **now** apply for authorisation by ADOMS, to carry out testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear, pending certain criteria being met and approved by ADOMS. Such criteria being as a minimum;
 - a) A quality management system (QMS) in place, ISO 9001 or equivalent, as approved by an IACS Class.
 - b) Copies of latest audit reports by QMS, external and internal.
 - c) A programme of training for all personnel conducting such service and testing work.
 - d) Evidence of such training and approval certificates issued to service personnel by manufacturers.
 - e) Evidence of resources to support service and testing capabilities. For example spares, specialised tools.
2. ADOMS may accept or recognize service providers authorized, checked or inspected by surveyors nominated for the purpose or by ROs or by other SOLAS Contracting Governments but in addition may also request items in section 1.
3. ADOMS may also authorize service providers, on the basis of demonstrated expertise, as an authorized service provider, in cases where an equipment manufacturer is no longer in business or no longer provides technical support. In addition this demonstration of expertise must also be supported by items in section 1.

The objectives of the **guidelines** for certification of personnel for servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear is to establish standards for personnel providing such services based on MSC.1/Circ.1206 Annex 1.

4. Education and training for initial certification of personnel should address, as a minimum:
- causes of lifeboat accidents
 - relevant rules, regulations and related Conventions
 - design and construction of lifeboats, on-load release gear and launching appliances
 - education and practical training in relevant procedures iaw MSC.1/Circ.1206 Annex 1
 - detailed procedures for examination, operational testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear
 - procedures for issuing a report of services and statement of fitness for purpose based on MSC.1/Circ. 1206 Annex 1, paragraph 15
 - practical technical training on actual inspection and maintenance using the equipment for which the personnel are to be certified, including disassembly, reassembly, correct operation and adjustment of the equipment. Classroom training should be supplemented by field experience.
 - prior to issuance of a certificate, a competent assessment should be carried out.
 - upon completion of training and competency assessment, a certificate should be issued defining the level of qualification and the scope of the certificate.
 - the expiry date should be written on the certificate which should be within three years from the date of issuance of the certificate.

A list of current approved ILSTO's can be found in the Annex to this circular letter.

All request for approvals as an ILSTO should be made to ADOMS, St John's, W.I

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