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**Circular letter to:**

**all companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**  
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**all authorized Recognized Organizations**

The Antigua Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) wish to draw the attention of all parties concerned to new **interim recommendations** when applying the relevant provisions of SOLAS III/20 and the **guidelines** for periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear.

1. Service providers, authorized by ADOMS, to carry out testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear, have to be qualified to the following, as a minimum:
  - employment and documentation of personnel iaw international standard
  - availability of sufficient tools needed for work to be carried out on board ships
  - access to sufficient material, spare parts and accessories as applicable
  - in case of disassembly or adjustment of on-load release mechanisms availability of replacement parts as specified by the manufacturer
  - documented quality system
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.
3. ADOMS may 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.

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.

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