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TO: Ship-Owners; Ship-Operators; Ship-Managers; Recognized
Organizations (ROs)

SUBJECT: Lifeboat Release and Retrieval System

**REFERENCE: SOLAS 74 as amended, Resolution MSC. 317 (89),
Resolution MSC. 320 (89), Resolution MSC. 321(89)
Circular MSC.1/Circ. 1392, Circular MSC.1/1393**

Dear Sirs/Madam,

The purpose of FSI Circular is to inform ship owners; ship operators; ship-managers and recognized organization of Georgian flagged vessel regarding compliance with the SOLAS regulation III/1.5 adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) through resolution MSC.317(89) and related amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliances (LSA) Code adopted by resolution MSC 320(89).Amendments to the provisions of the revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances (resolution MSC 81(70)) were also adopted by resolution MSC 321 (89) to align with the LSA Code amendments. The SOLAS regulation and associated amendments to the LSA Code came into force on 1 January 2013.

The SOLAS regulation III/1.5 requires that for all ships, “on-load release mechanisms” (also called “lifeboat release and retrieval system”) not complying with paragraphs 4.4.7.6.4 to 4.4.7.6.6 of the LSA Code, as amended by resolution MSC 320 (89), be replaced or modified for compliance not later than the next scheduled dry-docking after 1 July 2014, but not later than 1 July 2019.

The IMO published circular MSC.1/Circ.1392 - Guidelines for evaluation and replacement of lifeboat release and retrieval systems (the Guidelines) which should be used for the evaluation and modification or replacement, as appropriate, of lifeboat release and retrieval systems. All ships fitted with on-load release systems for lifeboats are strongly urged to be equipped with fall preventer devices in accordance with the Guidelines until the system is compliant with the amended requirements of the LSA Code.

Ship owners and operators should promptly evaluate and modify or replace systems, as applicable, so that lifeboat release and retrieval systems on all ships comply with the LSA Code not later than the first scheduled dry-docking after 1 July 2014, but not later than 1 July 2019.

Ship owners, ship operators, Recognized Organizations (ROs), seafarers, lifeboat manufacturers and service providers should note that the evaluation and possible modification or replacement should be carried out in accordance with the Guidelines.

ROs acting on behalf of Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia (MTA) are authorized to carry out a design review of lifeboat release and retrieval systems to ensure compliance with paragraphs 4.4.7.6.4 to 4.4.7.6.6 of the LSA Code and to observe performance tests to verify that the lifeboat release and retrieval systems are in accordance with the Guidelines. A statement of acceptance of the installation of replacement release and retrieval system to an existing lifeboat will be issued by a RO.

Sincerely,

Acting Director/ First Deputy Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Z. Makharadze', is written in a cursive style.

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