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To: All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the
Georgian Flag, Masters and Officers, Recognized Organizations
and Georgian Flag State Inspectors

Subject: Guidelines for Developing Operation and Maintenance Manuals for Lifeboat Systems

Reference: IMO Circular: MSC.1/Circ.1205/Rev.1, dated 26 June 2019.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (10 to 19 May 2006), taking into account the number of casualties with lifeboat systems, further recognizing the need to improve manuals for operation and maintenance of lifeboat systems, and having considered proposals by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection at its fiftieth session, approved the Guidelines for developing operation and maintenance manuals for lifeboat systems (MSC.1/Circ.1205).

1.2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 101st session (5 to 14 June 2019), approved amendments to the Guidelines prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment, at its sixth session.

2. Purpose

2.1 Seafarers often change ships and sometimes are not familiar with the lifeboats on their ships. Casualties with lifeboat systems are often caused by poor understanding of the lifeboat systems, especially with the release gear systems. User-friendliness of manuals for lifeboat systems is, therefore, important to help prevent casualties.

2.2 The purpose of this circular is to encourage development of user-friendly manuals for operation and maintenance of lifeboat systems including launching appliance and these manuals should be easy to understand.

3. Action to be taken

3.1 All owners, managers, representatives of ships under the Georgian Flag and Masters and Officers are strongly urged to take into account the recommendations prescribed by the IMO Circular: MSC.1/Circ.1205/Rev.1, Revised Guidelines for Developing Operation and Maintenance Manuals for Lifeboat Systems.

Annex: IMO Circular: MSC.1/Circ.1205/Rev.1, dated 26 June 2019, Revised Guidelines for Developing Operation and Maintenance Manuals for Lifeboat Systems.

