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TO: Ship owners/ship managers, ship operators, recognized
organizations/class societies

SUBJECT: APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS II-1/3-13

REFERENCE: RESOLUTION MSC.532(107) (adopted on 8 June 2023) - AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

PURPOSE: To inform recognized organizations of the Administration's decision regarding the application and interpretation of SOLAS II-1/3-13.

BACKGROUND:

For the purpose of enhancing safety during lifting operations, the IMO has adopted amendments to SOLAS Chapter II-1 by adding a new Regulation 3-13 on lifting appliances and anchor handling winches, as per Resolution MSC.532(107). The relevant guidelines have been approved by MSC.1/Circ.1662 for anchor handling winches and MSC.1/Circ.1663 for lifting appliances. These amendments will enter into force on 01 January 2026.

APPLICATION OF SOLAS II-1/3-13.2.1 AND 3-13.2.4 TO LIFTING APPLIANCES WITH A SAFE WORKING LOAD BELOW 1,000KG

New SOLAS II-1/3-13.1.3 suggests that "The Administration shall determine to what extent the provisions of paragraphs 2.1 and 2.4 do not apply to lifting appliances with a safe working load below 1,000 kg." In this regard, the Administration wishes to clarify that it prefers the application of SOLAS II-1/3-13.2.1 and 3-13.2.4 to lifting appliances with a safe working load below 1,000 kg.

IMPLEMENTATION "TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION"

Several provisions in the revised SOLAS and Guidelines are left to the discretion of the Administration, such as "to the satisfaction of the Administration." In relation to these provisions, the Administration offers its guidance and clarifications where necessary. For all other items, the Administration has no additional instructions.

1.SOLAS Chapter II-1 Regulation 3-13 Lifting appliances and anchor handling winches

Reg. No	Requirement	Flag Instruction
1.Application		
Reg.1.2	Notwithstanding the above, this regulation does not apply to lifting appliances used on offshore construction ships, such as pipe/cable laying/repair or offshore installation vessels, including ships for decommissioning work, which comply with standards acceptable to the Administration	To follow standards of certification of such lifting appliances as developed by the ROs authorized by this Administration
2. Design, construction and installation		
Reg.2.1	Lifting appliances installed on or after 1 January 2026	No additional instructions to the

	shall be designed, constructed and installed in accordance with the requirements of a classification society which is recognized by the Administration in accordance with the provisions of regulation XI-1/1 or standards acceptable to the Administration which provide an equivalent level of safety;	provisions listed in SOLAS Regulation XI-1/1.
Reg. 2.2. - No additional instructions		

2. MSC.1/Circ.1662 Guidelines for Anchor handling winches

Reg. No	Requirement	Flag Instruction
2.Definitions		
Reg. 2.7	Competent person means a person possessing the knowledge and experience required for the performance of duties specified in these guidelines and acceptable as such to the Administration	Personnel of the Recognized Organizations authorized by this Administration, or Service Providers approved and authorized by this Administration to act on its behalf
Reg. 2.10	Thorough examination means a detailed assessment carried out by a competent person in order to determine whether or not the anchor handling winches or associated loose gear are in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Administration	In compliance with the applicable requirements as specified in the relevant provisions of SOLAS.
Reg. 2.11- No additional instructions		
3. Anchor handling winches - Reg. No.3.11; 3.2.1.1; 3.2.3.1; 3.2.3.2; 3.3.3; 3.5.1.1; 3.5.1.5; 3.5.1.6; - No additional instructions		
4. Loose gear - Reg. 4.1; 4.2.1; 4.2.2.2; 4.3.2; 4.6.1; 4.6.6; - No additional instructions		

3.MSC.1/Circ.1663 Guidelines for Lifting appliances

Reg.No	Requirement	Flag Instruction
2. Definitions		
Reg.2.1	Competent person means a person possessing the knowledge and experience required for the performance of duties specified in these Guidelines and acceptable as such to the Administration.	Personnel of the Recognized Organizations authorized by this Administration, or Service Providers approved and authorized by this Administration to act on its behalf.
Reg.2.4	Thorough examination means a detailed assessment carried out by a competent person in order to determine whether or not the lifting appliance or loose gear is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Administration	In compliance with the applicable requirements as specified in the relevant provisions of SOLAS and the LSA Code.
Reg. 2.5 - No additional instructions		
3.Lifting appliances - Reg. No: 3.1; 3.2.1.1; 3.2.1.2; 3.2.1.5; 3.2.1.6; 3.2.2.1; 3.2.2.2; 3.2.2.3; 3.2.3.2; 3.3.3; 3.5.1.1; 3.5.1.5; 3.5.1.6 - No additional instructions		
4.Loose gear - Reg. No: 4.1; 4.2.1; 4.2.2.1; 4.2.2.2; 4.2.2.3; 4.6.1; 4.6.6; 4.7.1.2; - No additional instructions		

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