



ST KITTS & NEVIS INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY

MARITIME CIRCULAR – MC 19 09 (Rev.1)

AUTHORIZATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Maritime Circular is to provide revised guidance on requirements and procedures of this Administration for authorization of service providers for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear on St. Kitts and Nevis flagged vessels. This Circular is issued to the attention of shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, Recognised Organisations, and other parties involved.

2. Introduction

- 2.1. In accordance with provisions of SOLAS Chapter III-20, shipowners and ship managers are reminded of the importance of periodical servicing and maintenance of life-saving appliances of their vessels.
- 2.2. In this regard, IMO issued *Resolution MSC.402(96) on Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear*, that entered into force on 1 January 2020, which establishes a uniform, safe and documented standard for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of the equipment specified.
- 2.3. In accordance with this IMO Resolution, maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of the above items shall be carried out by service providers authorized by Flag Administrations of vessels.
- 2.4. Flag Administrations may also accept or recognise service providers authorized by the other Flag Administrations or approved by their Recognised Organizations.

3. Application

- 3.1. Following the provisions of *Resolution MSC.402(96)*, this Administration authorises service providers to carry out the aforementioned services on St. Kitts and Nevis flagged vessels.
- 3.2. Applications for the authorisation of a service provider could be submitted via Maritime Registrars or directly to this Administration.
- 3.3. When applying for a service provider authorisation, this Administration requires a copy of the valid IACS Society Compliance and/or Competence Certificate for the services provided to be submitted for its consideration.
- 3.4. This Administration issues a Letter of Authorisation for an approved service provider to perform services on St. Kitts and Nevis flagged vessels for a period of 1 year or 5 years. A 1-year authorisation can be obtained to perform services to a specific vessel only, while a 5-year authorisation doesn't have any restriction on a number of vessels.

- 3.5. Approved service providers are required to renew their Letters of Authorisation yearly (1) or five (5) yearly, depending on the authorisations issued.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact this office at mail@skanregistry.com

Yours truly,

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