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1 Introduction

For this Instruction, reference is made to [Resolution MSC.402\(96\) - Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear](#) (further: the Resolution).

2 Scope of authorization

The Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate (NSI) has formally authorized a number of service providers in the Netherlands, which can be found [here](#). As follows from paragraph 4.3, the ship operator shall not be the service provider for five-year thorough examination.

The NSI has authorized a limited number of Recognised Organisations (ROs), which can be found [here](#). In accordance with paragraph 7.4.3 of the Resolution, the NSI will accept service providers authorized by any of its ROs to perform services on board a ship (regardless the ship being classed by the same RO authorizing the service provider). The ROs authorization certification shall clearly refer to the Resolution or [IACS UR Z17](#), as may be revised or amended.

3 Compliance of attending personnel

The attending personnel from an authorized service provider on board ships under Dutch flag, shall provide documented evidence indicating certification in accordance with paragraph 8.1 of the Resolution for the make(s) and type(s) of equipment to be worked on.

Depending on the configuration of the relevant equipment on board the above may result in more than one authorized service supplier or manufacturer being necessary.

3.1 Cases where the manufacturer is no longer in business or no longer provides technical support

Following paragraph 7.3 of the Resolution, in cases where the manufacturer is no longer in business or no longer provides technical support, the NSI accepts service providers, provided that the RO acting on behalf of the NSI is satisfied that they comply with chapter 7 of the Resolution and in addition the following is applicable:

- a. the personnel performing the maintenance and service has at least two years of servicing experience with different manufacturer's equipment; and
- b. service personnel has followed training on several manufacturer's equipment (at least two manufacturers); and
- c. The service provider shall maintain a record system which provides traceability of work carried out and parts used. All spare parts used shall preferably be original manufacturer's spare parts. If original spare parts are not available anymore, other parts may be used provided that such parts are at least equivalent to part to be replaced, such to the satisfaction of the attending surveyor of the RO. In cases where repairs are major, e.g. when a complete winch must be exchanged, any replacement equipment shall be certificated in accordance with the [Marine Equipment Directive \(2014/90/EC as amended\)](#)

In cases where the RO is not satisfied that the above conditions are fully met, subject service shall be witnessed by the surveyor of the RO, after case by case acceptance by the NSI.

3.2 In case of non-availability of authorized service providers

In case of non-availability of authorized service providers, the NSI will only consider acceptance in such cases under the following conditions:

- Case by case, acceptance by the NSI necessary;
- Clear evidence that there is no service personnel from an authorized service provider (ASP) available on location;
- Conditions under paragraph 3.1 to be confirmed;
- Service conducted by service personnel shall be witnessed by the RO surveyor;
- The manuals / instructions / guides are from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) shall be available.

4 Position of the NSI regarding '(draft) standards'

The position of the NSI regarding (draft) standards (e.g. ISO 23678(:2022)) is that pending their recognition by IMO, such standards are not to be applied.