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# **GUIDANCE FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

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## **2017 AMENDMENT NO.2**

Notice No.98      25 December 2017

Resolved by Technical Committee on 26 July 2017

“Guidance for safety equipment” has been partly amended as follows:

### **Chapter 3 ARRANGEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **3.1 General**

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Sub-paragraph -10(3) has been amended as follows.

(-1 to -9 are omitted.)

**10** Additional liferafts as required by **Regulation 31.1.4, Chapter III of the Annex to the Convention** are to be regarded as "remotely located survival craft" with regard to **Regulation 7.2.1.4, Chapter III of the Annex to the Convention**. The followings are to be provided in the areas where these remotely located survival crafts are stowed.

- (1) At least 2 lifejackets and 2 immersion suits.
- (2) Adequate means of illumination complying with **Regulation 16.7, Chapter III of the Annex to the Convention**, either fixed or portable, which are to be capable of illuminating the liferaft stowage position as well as the area of water into which the liferaft should be launched. Portable lights, when used, are to have brackets to permit their positioning on both sides of the vessel.
- (3) The portable lights required by (2) may be self-contained battery-powered lamps. In such cases, the battery-powered lamps are to satisfy the following (a) to (f):
  - (a) The lamps are to be capable of being recharged from the ship's main and emergency sources of electrical power.
  - (b) The lamps are to be stowed under charge in storage spaces close to the liferaft and the embarkation ladder they are intended to serve except when being used.
  - (c) The lamps are to give a minimum duration of 3 hours of undiminished performance when disconnected from their power sources.
  - (d) The lamps are to comply with the requirements in *LSA Code* section 1.2.3.
  - (e) The degree of protection of the lamps is to be IP55.
  - (f) The batteries for such lamps are to comply with **2.1.6, Part B of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships** as well as **1.1.8** and **2.11.5, Part H of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships** irrespective of whether they are marked with their expiration dates by their manufacturers.
- (4) An embarkation ladder or other means of embarkation enabling descent to the water in a controlled manner as per **Regulation 11.7, Chapter III of the Annex to the Convention**.

(-11 to -23 are omitted.)

## EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION

1. The effective date of the amendments is 25 December 2017.
2. Notwithstanding the amendments to the Guidance, the current requirements apply to ships for which the date of contract for construction is before the effective date.