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# RULES FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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## **2023 AMENDMENT NO.1**

Rule No.31      30 June 2023

Resolved by Technical Committee on 25 January 2023

An asterisk (\*) after the title of a requirement indicates that there is also relevant information in the corresponding Guidance.

“Rules for Safety Equipment” has been partly amended as follows:

## **Chapter 2    SURVEYS OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

### **2.1      General**

#### **2.1.7      Firms Engaged In Inspecting, Testing, Maintaining and Servicing, etc.**

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

Unless otherwise specified, the following (1) to (4) are to apply:

- ((1) and (2) are omitted.)
- (3) Third parties engaged in the servicing of inflatable liferafts, inflatable lifejackets, hydrostatic release units, ~~inflatable rescue boats~~ or marine evacuation systems, if used, are to be any of the following: firms complying with **Chapter 7, Part 3 of the Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers** and approved by the Society; firms approved by the Administration; firms approved by duly authorized organizations acting on behalf of the Administration; or firms approved by other organizations which are acceptable to the Administration.
- (4) (Omitted)

## **EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION**

1. The effective date of the amendments is 1 July 2023.
2. Notwithstanding the amendments to the Rules, the current requirements apply to manufacturing works and service suppliers approved by the Society before 1 July 2023 until 30 June 2026 or the expiry date of their certificate, whichever comes first.

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# GUIDANCE FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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## 2023 AMENDMENT NO.1

Notice No.30 30 June 2023

Resolved by Technical Committee on 25 January 2023

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

**Amendment1-1**

**Chapter 3 ARRANGEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**3.1 General**

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Sub-paragraph -25 has been added as follows.

**25** With respect to the “one waterproof electric torch suitable for Morse signalling, together with one spare set of batteries and one spare bulb in a waterproof container” required by the **LSA Code 4.1.5.1.13, 4.4.8.16, and 5.1.2.2.7**, the following (1) or (2) are also deemed acceptable.

- (1) A single spare bulb shall be provided for torches utilising either a filament bulb or single LED bulb to provide the light source. However, a spare LED bulb is not required in cases where the light source consists of more than one LED bulb on the condition that the failure of a single bulb does not prevent the other bulbs from fully functioning.
- (2) Provision of a second ready-for-use waterproof electric torch suitable for Morse signalling, may be accepted as an alternative to providing one spare set of batteries and one spare bulb in a waterproof container.

**EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION(Amendment1-1)**

- 1.** The effective date of the amendments is 30 June 2023.

## Amendment1-2

### 3.1 General

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Sub-paragraph -24 has been amended as follows.

**24** Lifebuoys required by ~~€23.8.1-2(10), Part C of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships~~14.14.1.1-2(10), Part 1, Part C of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships are not to be taken into account when determining the minimum number and distribution of lifebuoys as required by **Regulation 32.1.1, Chapter III of the Annex to the Convention.**

#### EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION(Amendment1-2)

1. The effective date of the amendments is 1 July 2023.
2. Notwithstanding the amendments to the Guidance, the current requirements apply to the following ships:
  - (1) ships for which the date of contract for construction is before the effective date; or
  - (2) sister ships of ships subject to the current requirements for which the date of contract for construction is before 1 January 2025.