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THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
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Marine Notice

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**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, AGENTS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

SUBJECT: Lifesaving Equipment- lifejackets

Reference: (a) Maritime Regulation 2.35
(b) SOLAS 1978, as amended, Chapter III
(c) 2009, 1989 and 1979 MODU Codes Chapters 10 and 11
(d) LSA Code, as amended

Supersedes: Marine Notice SAF-001, dated 06/12

PURPOSE:

This Notice provides guidance interpretation and clarification of the Liberian Administration's policy regarding lifejackets aboard Liberian Flag vessels.

APPLICABILITY:

This Notice applies to Owners, Masters, Ship Officers and authorized Recognized Organization (RO) (the vessel's Classification Society which has been recognized and authorized to act on behalf of the Liberian Administration) and addresses several SOLAS and MODU Code requirements which have been established by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0 Lifejackets

1.1 A lifejacket complying with the requirements of paragraph 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 of reference (d) shall be provided for every person on board the ship and, in addition:

- .1 for passenger ships on voyages less than 24 h, a number of infant lifejackets equal to at least 2.5% of the number of passengers on board shall be provided;
- .2 for passenger ships on voyages 24 h or greater, infant lifejackets shall be provided for each infant on board;
- .3 a number of lifejackets suitable for children equal to at least 10% of the number of passengers on board shall be provided or such greater number as may be required to provide a lifejacket for each child;

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- .4 lifejackets shall be provided for every child and infant carried as supernumeraries on board cargo ships;
 - .5 for ships built on or after 1 July 1998, if the adult lifejackets provided are not designed to fit persons weighing up to 140 kg and with a chest girth of up to 1,750 mm, a sufficient number of suitable accessories shall be available on board to allow such persons to be properly fitted and secured with the lifejackets provided.
- 1.2 Lifejackets installed on board after 01 July 2010 shall:
- .1 shall be marked by either weight or height, or by both weight and height;
 - .2 be provided with a releasable buoyant line or other means to secure it to a lifejacket worn by another person in the water;
 - .3 be provided with a suitable means to allow a rescuer to lift the wearer from the water into a survival craft or rescue boat.
- 1.3 Inflatable life jackets are to be serviced annually at approved servicing facilities. Servicing facilities approved by a State which is Party to the SOLAS Convention, and acceptable to the vessel RO or servicing facilities that has been approved by a Liberian RO on behalf of a Party to the SOLAS Convention, are acceptable to the Administration, provided, the approvals are in compliance with the LSA Code, as amended. Vessel Owners and Agents should consult closely with the RO when selecting a service station to ensure that the service station meets the requirements of IMO Resolutions.
- 1.4 A sufficient number of additional lifejackets shall be provided for persons on watch and for use at remotely located survival craft stations (See SOLAS III/7.2.1). The designated lifejackets provided for persons on watch shall be stowed on the bridge, in the engine room and other manned work stations.

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