



Office of
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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

**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

The following changes have been included:

- a. Previous sections 2.0 'Lifejackets', 3.0 'Immersion Suits and Thermal Protective Aids', 4.0 'Extension of servicing requirement for lifesaving equipment', 5.0 'EPIRB Maintenance Requirements', 6.0 'Short term permit to carry a number of persons in excess of that allowed by the Safety Equipment Certificate' have been incorporated in new Marine Notices **SAF-006**, **SAF-007**, **SAF-008** and **RAD-009**.

PURPOSE:

This Notice provides guidance interpretation and clarification of the Liberian Administration's policy regarding Certification of Lifesaving Appliances 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 Certification

- 1.1 All lifesaving appliances are to be reviewed for compliance with the appropriate SOLAS and MODU Code regulations and acceptability by the RO of the vessel at the time of installation

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and their condition verified at all subsequent safety equipment surveys. Any substandard or unapproved appliances or equipment are to be replaced.

- 1.2 All survival craft are to be equipped as prescribed in SOLAS III, as amended, and Chapter 10 of the MODU Code and shall be in compliance with the requirements of the LSA Code, as amended.
- 1.3 Safety equipment and other materials or equipment approved by a major maritime authority, such as the Ministries of Transport, Maritime Safety Agencies, or Maritime Directorates of Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, South Korea, Norway, Russian Federation, the UK, the USA or by an IACS member, recognized by Liberia, on behalf of a National Maritime Authority are acceptable for vessels registered with the Republic of Liberia. The Administration will also accept equipment that has been certified under the EU Marine Equipment Directive by a classification society that is recognized by Liberia.
- 1.4 Manufacturers of lifesaving appliances are responsible for ensuring that the standards of lifesaving appliances and arrangements are in accordance with the requirements of the LSA Code and for providing documentation that these standards are met.

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