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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5

Stored mechanical power for rescue boat launching appliances

Communication by Hong Kong, China

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by Hong Kong, China, regarding stored mechanical power for rescue boat launching appliances accepted under regulation I/5 of the above Convention.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.



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The Secretary-General
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Dear Sir,

**Equivalent arrangement accepted under Regulation 1/5 of the
International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974**

Stored mechanical power for rescue boat launching appliance

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement from the Maritime Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, on the acceptance of equivalent arrangement with regard to the launching arrangements for a rescue boat as detailed in SOLAS Regulation III/16 and III/17 and Chapter VI section 6.1 of the International Life Saving Appliances (LSA) Code.

The Hong Kong Maritime Administration would appreciate if IMO could bring this information to the attention of SOLAS Contracting Governments.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES

Stored mechanical power for rescue boat launching appliance

Statement by the Maritime Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Regulations III/16 and III/17 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) require the launching appliance for a rescue boat which is not one of the ship's survival craft to comply with the requirements of section 6.1 of the International Life Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code).

The Maritime Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China is of the opinion that the handling of light rescue boats, served by a crane which has to be slewed manually in the outboard position for lowering the boat into the water by gravity, is considered as equivalent arrangement to the required stored mechanical power that is required by Paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code.

On ships equipped with a six (6) persons rescue boat which is not one of the ship's survival craft, having a weight of less than 5500 N in fully equipped condition, with engine but without the crew, the launching appliance of the crane does not need to be fitted with stored mechanical power. Slewage of the launching appliance shall be possible by one person against an adverse list of 20 degrees and a trim of 10 degrees.

For the other aspects the launching appliance shall be in full compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 6.1 of the LSA Code.