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Re:

Amendments introduced to Part II "Life-Saving Appliances" of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships (2012) with regard to the fishing vessels

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Appendices: Text of amendments introduced to Part II "Life-Saving Appliances" of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships (2012) with regard to the fishing vessels

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We hereby inform you of the decision of the Technical Committee (Minutes 19/2012 dated 17.07.2012) taken upon the amendments introduced to Part II "Life-Saving Appliances" of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships (2012) with regard to the fishing vessels.

The requirements for fishing vessels have been brought in compliance with the provisions of the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977, as modified by the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993, and with the Directive 97/70/EC of 11 December 1997 setting up a harmonised safety regime for fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over.

New requirements of Chapter 5.1 "Fishing Vessels" given in the Annex to the Circular Letter will be introduced to the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships (2013).

The following is to be done:

Upon receipt of the Circular Letter, the requirements for the fishing vessels given in the Annex to the Circular Letter shall be implemented in practice.

When assigning the RS class to the fishing vessels built under the technical supervision of other classification societies, the requirements given in the Annex to the Circular Letter shall also be met.

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Amendments (additions) introduced to the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships (2012)

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PART II. LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES

Para 1.2.1 has been supplemented with a new definition reading as follows:

“Ships constructed is definition given in 1.2, Part IV "Radio Equipment" of the Rules.”

Chapter 5.1 has been amended to read:

“5.1 FISHING VESSELS

5.1.1 These requirements apply to fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over, constructed on or after 1 October 2012. Fishing vessels constructed before 1 October 2012 may be subject to the requirements of this Chapter as far as practicable.

5.1.2 Lifeboats, liferafts and rescue boats.

5.1.2.1 Each fishing vessel shall carry at least two lifeboats complying with the requirements of 6.14 or 6.15, or with liferafts complying with the requirements of 6.9 or 6.10.

5.1.2.2 Fishing vessels of 75 m in length and over shall carry:

- .1 on each side, the lifeboats complying with the requirements of 6.14 or 6.15, or liferafts complying with the requirements of 6.9 or 6.10 of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate the total number of persons on board;
- .2 the liferafts of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate 50 per cent of the total number of persons on board; and
- .3 the rescue boat complying with the requirements of 6.19. A lifeboat may be used as a rescue boat, provided that it and its launching and recovery arrangements also comply with the requirements for a rescue boat.

5.1.2.3 Fishing vessels of 45 m in length and over but less than 75 m shall carry:

- .1 on each side, the lifeboats complying with the requirements of 6.14 or 6.15 or liferafts complying with the requirements of 6.9 or 6.10 of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate the total number of persons on board;
- .2 the rescue boat complying with the requirements of 6.19. Upon agreement with the Register, the fishing vessel may be exempted from the requirement for carrying a rescue boat, provided that the fishing vessel carries any other survival craft or means of rescue which may be used in rescue operations.

5.1.2.4 Fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over but less than 45 m shall carry:

- .1 the lifeboats complying with the requirements of 6.14 or 6.15 or liferafts complying with the requirements of 6.9 or 6.10 of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate 200 per cent of the total number of persons on board. At that, the fishing vessel shall carry a sufficient number of this survival craft capable of being launched on either side of the ship and of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate the total number of persons on board;

.2 the rescue boat complying with the requirements of 6.19. The fishing vessel may, on agreement with the Register, be exempted from the requirement to carry a rescue boat, provided its dimensions and maneuverability, vicinity of search and rescue services and meteorological information systems, as well as area of operation and weather conditions do not dictate necessary fulfillment of this requirement.

.3 rescue boats under 3,8 in length but not less than 3,3 m may be used. At that a rescue boat of 3,8 in length shall be capable of carrying at least four seated persons and a person lying. Except for the length, such rescue boats shall meet the requirements of 6.19.

5.1.2.5 In lieu of meeting the requirements of 5.1.2.2.1, 5.1.2.3.1 or 5.1.2.4.1, fishing vessels may carry one or more lifeboats, complying with the requirements of 6.16 capable of being free-fall launched over the stern of the vessel of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate the total number of persons on board, in addition they may carry liferafts of such aggregate capacity as will accommodate the total number of persons on board.

5.1.2.6 The number of lifeboats and rescue boats that are carried on a fishing vessel shall be sufficient to ensure that in providing for abandonment by the total number of persons on board not more than nine liferafts need be marshalled by each lifeboat or rescue boat.

5.1.2.7 Arrangement of survival craft and rescue boats shall comply with the requirements of 2.4 and 2.5.

5.1.3 Personal life-saving appliances.

5.1.3.1 Fishing vessels shall be provided with lifejackets and immersion suits as required for cargo ships.

5.1.4 Fishing vessels shall carry not less than the prescribed number of lifebuoys complying with the requirements of 2.2.1 and 6.2:

Length of a fishing vessel, m	Minimum number of lifebuoys
75 and over	8
45 and over, but less than 75	6
24 and over, but less than 45	4

5.1.4 Radio life-saving appliances.

5.1.4.1 Two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus:

.1 every fishing vessel shall be provided with at least three sets of two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus;

.2 on agreement with the Register, in fishing vessels of less than 45 m in length the number of sets of two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus may be reduced to two provided that only one survival craft is required to provide for abandonment of the fishing vessel from one side by the total number of persons on board.

5.1.4.2 Survival craft search and rescue locating device:

.1 at least one survival craft search and rescue locating device shall be carried on each side of every fishing vessel. Survival craft search and rescue locating device shall be stowed in such location that it can be rapidly placed in any survival craft. Alternatively one survival craft search and rescue locating device shall be stowed in each survival craft;

.2 every fishing vessel of less than 45 m in length shall be provided with at least one survival craft search and rescue locating device.