



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 843 of 7th September 2024

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Single Fall and Hook Systems
Reference	LSA Code

Single Fall and Hook Systems

Single Fall and Hook Systems with On-Load Release Capability Lifeboats and rescue boats equipped with a single fall and hook system have a similar risk of accidental release during recovery operations as those with twin fall and hook systems.

Therefore, they should have similar safety standards since they are used and tested in the same way. In 2020, paragraph 4.4.7.6.17 of the LSA Code was modified to address this issue.

However, it was discovered that deleting a reference to paragraph 4.4.7.6.8 would result in applying it to off-load hooks, which is inappropriate for some mechanically simple off-load hooks with few moving parts. To resolve this issue, the Committee adopted the amendments to Chapter IV of the LSA Code (resolution MSC.554(108)) regarding single fall and hook systems. The revised text retains the agreed-upon amendments to paragraph 4.4.7.6.17 while amending paragraph 4.4.7.6.8 of the LSA Code for clarity.

Application: The entry into force date for these amendments is January 1, 2026. The amendments are to be applied to life-saving appliances installed on or after January 1, 2026, where the expression "installed on or after January 1, 2026" means:

- a) Ships for which the building contract is placed on or after January 1, 2026, or in the absence of the contract, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after January 1, 2026, all installations of the specified type on board those ships; or
- b) For ships other than those ships specified in (a) above, all installations of the specified type, having a contractual delivery date for the equipment or, in the absence of a contractual delivery date to the ship, delivered to the ship on or after January 1, 2026.

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REFERENCES:

- Paragraph 4.4.7.6.17 of the LSA Code

ATTACHMENTS: No

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