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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Repair of lifeboats and rescue boats
Reference	MSC.402(96)

Comprehensive review of the *Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (MSC.402(96))*

Previously, SSE made progress on the consideration and development of the list of issues for consistent implementation of the requirements contained in MSC.402(96) and agreed, in principle, to the definitions for "make", "type", "model" and "series".

It was agreed to amend paragraph 7.1.1 of MSC.402(96) to also include reference to "type", "model" and "series". Once ISO 23678:2022 - *Service personnel for the maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear* is updated with the four newly developed definitions it will be considered for inclusion as a footnote to paragraph 7.1.1. of MSC.402(96).

Due to time constraints, SSE could not finalize the list of issues related to the consistent implementation of the requirements contained in resolution MSC.402(96), identify the specific provisions of the resolution that may require amendments based on that list, and consider draft amendments to address those matters. This will now be considered by correspondence.

The amended version of MSC.402(96) is expected to be applicable to all passenger ships, and to all cargo ships of 500GT and above, engaged in international voyages. The expected entry into force is 1 January 2032.

REFERENCE:

- Paragraph 7.1.1 of MSC.402(96)

ATTACHMENTS: No.

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