



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 921 of 5th May 2026

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Temperature cycling test- test data sheets
Reference	MSC 112

"Temperature cycling test- test data sheets"

SSE previously considered a proposal to modify the "Temperature cycling test- test data" sheets to ascertain the confirmation about exposure of prototype samples to ordinary room temperature conditions between the hot and cold cycles of LSA.

The associated information will be recorded in various applicable revised standardized life-saving appliance evaluation and test report forms.

SSE finalised minor corrections to the following circulars, with approval expected by MSC 112:

- MSC.1/Circ.1628/Rev.4 Revised standardized life-saving appliance evaluation and test report forms (personal life-saving appliances)
- MSC.1/Circ.1629 Revised Standardized Life-Saving Appliance Evaluation and Test Report Forms (Visual Signals)
- MSC.1/Circ.1630/Rev.3 Revised standardized life-saving appliance evaluation and test report forms (survival craft)
- MSC.1/Circ.1633 Revised Standardized Life-Saving Appliance Evaluation and Test Report Forms (Other Life-Saving Appliances)

Differences between the LSA Code and ISO 18813 - Survival equipment for survival craft and rescue boats

SSE previously considered a proposal to amend paragraphs 4.1.5.1.18 and 4.1.5.1.19 of the LSA Code to align it with ISO 18813. It was noted that the requirements for food rations and emergency drinking water have not changed between the 2006 and 2022 versions of ISO 18813.

However, despite the unchanged provisions it was noted that discrepancies persist when comparing these versions with the LSA Code requirements.

It was previously agreed that rather than amending the LSA Code, the preference would be for the ISO standard to be updated. The ISO advised that they did not see a need to update ISO 18813, therefore, no action was taken on this item.

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Consolidated version of resolution MSC.81(70) - Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances

SSE considered a proposal on the preparation of a consolidated version of resolution MSC.81(70). Noting the current workload of the sub-committee on LSA matters and the fact that, although this work would not introduce new technical requirements, it cannot be considered as a “minor issue”. Therefore, a new output proposal would be required to take this forward.

REFERENCE:

- LSA Code to align it with ISO 18813, MSC.81(70).

ATTACHMENTS: No.

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