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**To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (RO's).

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**Subject:** Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear.

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**Reference:** a. Resolution No. 106-OMI-83-DGMM  
b. MSC.1/Circ.1277  
c. MSC.1/Circ.1206 Rev.1 - Measures to Prevent Accidents with Lifeboats  
d. Resolution No. JD 020-2015 of February 15, 2015

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**1. Purpose**

- 1.1. Considering the adoption of the MSC.1/Circ.1277 of 23 May 2008, through Resolution No. 106-OMI-83-DGMM of 14 October 2011, Interim Recommendation on Conditions for Authorization of Service Providers for Lifeboats, Launching Appliances and on-load Release Gear, which recommend governments to ensure that the thorough examination, operational testing, repair, and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear were carried out in accordance with SOLAS regulation III/20 by service providers that are qualified in these operations for each make and type of equipment for which they provide the service.
- 1.2. Taking into account the guidelines on MSC.1/Circ.1206 Rev.1 of 11 June 2009, Service providers carrying out the thorough examination, operational testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear should be authorized in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1277, this Administration would like to inform the requirements to apply for permanent authorization and also provide the list of authorized services providers according to point 3 of the aforementioned Circular.
- 1.3. It is also important to mention that this Administration accept that Service Providers Approved by Manufactures to carrying out the thorough examination, operational testing repair and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear in accordance with SOLAS III/20 also Services Providers approved by IACS or Approved by other Administrations are also accepted in a case by case basis.

**2. Requirements for Authorization of Service Providers for Lifeboats, Launching Appliances and on-load Release Gear:**

- 2.1. Companies interested to be authorized by Panama Maritime Authority as Service Providers for Lifeboats, Launching Appliances and on-load Release Gear, shall comply with the following requirements:
  - a) Apply through Panama legal representative, (application shall be presented through memorial addressed to General Directorate of Merchant Marine) to be approved for periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching

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appliances and on load release gear of Panamanian Flag Vessels.

- b) Copy of documentation of personnel certified in accordance with a recognized national, international or industry standard as applicable, or an equipment manufacturer's established certification program.
- c) Copy of valid Quality System Certificate for the Company.
- d) For service providers situated in other countries, the Administration may accept or recognize service providers authorized, certified by IACS members, for this purposes.
- e) Evidence of prior authorizations or long term experience and demonstrated expertise as service provider.
- f) Home Country Company Registry Certificate
- g) Payment receipt for the amount of US\$ 500.00 (Resolution JD 020-2015 of February 26, 2015) (applicable from October 14, 2015).

### 3. List of Service providers

3.1. As required by MSC.Circ.1277, to ensure that information regarding authorized service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear is made available to mariners this Administration informs that the current authorized Service providers that have presented the required documents to get approval from this Administration, in accordance with the MSC.Circ.1277 to carry out servicing and maintenance for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear for Panama flag vessels are the follows:

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| 1. ACEBI SAS  | France                          |
| 2. AL NAJM AL THAQIB CO.  | Jubail, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia |
| 3. ALATAS NORWAY AS.  | Kristiansand, Norway            |
| 4. ALEX MARITIME SERVICE COMPANY - AMSCO  | Alexandria, Egypt               |
| 5. A.R.S. CO.   | Piraeus, Greece                 |
| <del>6. BEACON OFFSHORE LTD.</del>  | <del>Thailand</del>             |
| 7. BG SAFE S.R.L.   | Livorno, Italy                  |
| 8. BIANCHI AND CECCHI SERVICE INC.  | Miami FL, USA                   |
| 9. CHANGHAE MARINE SAFETY EQUIPMENT CO.   | Busan, Korea                    |
| 10. COBALT BLUE BELGIUM BVBA.   | Belgium                         |
| 11. COBALT BLUE LTD. (GRECIA)   | Piraeus, Greece                 |
| 12. COBALT BLUE ROMANIA SRL.  | Romania                         |
| 13. COBALT BLUE SINGAPORE PTE., LTD.  | Singapur                        |
| 14. COBALT BLUE TRADING (SHANGHAI), CO. LTD.  | Shanghai, PRC                   |
| 15. COBALT BLUE USA INC.  | Louisiana, USA                  |
| 16. CRALOG A/S  | Frederikshavn, Denmark          |
| 17. DAELIM MARINE CO., LTD.   | Ulsan, Korea                    |
| 18. DAEWOO MARINE IND. CO, INCHEON  | Incheon, Korea                  |
| 19. DAELIM MARINE CO, LTD.  | Jeollanam – do, Korea           |
| 20. DELMAR SAFETY INC.  | Texas, USA                      |
| 21. DEL – MAR DENIZDE GUVENLIK SISTEMLERI TASIMACILIK SANAYI VE TICARET LIMITED SIRKETI | Istanbul, Turkey                |
| 22. DMI SNT CO., LTD.   | Ulsar, Korea                    |

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23. DOLPHIN MARINE INDUSTRIAL CORP.	Alexandria, Egypt
24. EVERSAILING MARINE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.	Guangzhou, China
25. EXTINTORES VALENCIA, S.L., "EXTINVAL"	Valencia, Spain
26. FASSMER SERVICE AMERICA LLC.	Florida, USA
27. FASSMER SERVICE GmbH & Co KG	Motzen, Germany
28. FIBRE CRAFT ASIA PTE., LTD.	Singapore
29. FINE OCEAN MARINE INDUSTRIAL CORP.	Kaohsiung, Taiwan
30. FIRST INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS LIMITED	Aberdeen, Scotland
31. FREE OCEAN SHIP ENGINEERING & SERVICE CO., LTD.	Qingdao, China
32. G.S. MARINE SERVICES LTD.	Cyprus
33. GLOBAL MARINE SAFETY (GUANGZHOU)	Guangzhou, China
34. GLOBAL MARINE SAFETY LATIN AMERICA S.A.	Panama, Panama
35. GLOBAL MARINE SAFETY (SINGAPORE) PTE. LTD.,	Penjuru Cl, Singapore
36. GLOBAL MARITIME AS	Sola, Norway
37. GLOBAL MARINE SAFETY LATIN AMERICA S.A.	Panama, Panama
38. GMS KOREA CO., LTD.	Busan, Korea
39. HAIDONG LIFE-SAVING CO., LTD.	Busan, Korea
40. HANAMARINE SERVICE CO., LTD.	Gangseo-gu, Busan, Korea
41. HANSA LIFEBOAT GERMANY LTD.	Hamburg, Germany
42. HANYOUNG ENTERPRISE LTD.	Busan, Korea
43. HARDING SAFETY PANAMA INC.,	Panama
44. HARDING SAFETY UK LIMITED	United Kingdom
45. HARDING SAFETY USA, INC.	Delaware USA
46. HATECKE SERVICE GmbH	Germany
47. HSS MARINE SAFETY SERVICES LTD.	Limassol, Cyprus
48. HYTEK A/S	Sindal, Denmark
49. HYUNDAI LIFEBOATS SHANGHAI CO., LTD.	Shanghai, China
50. IBERIA LIFEBOAT SERVICE, S.L.	Valencia, España
51. IDP SA	BA, Argentina
52. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME GROUP	Dubai, UAE
53. KOSCO CP., LTD.,	Busan, Korea
54. KOSMOA INC.	Busan, Korea
55. KYONG - IN SAFETY SERVICES CO., LTD.	Incheon, Korea
56. L.A. MARITIME SERVICE INC	California, USA
57. LIANYUNGANG GANGWAN MARITIME SAFETY EQUIPMENT CO. LTD.	Jiangsu, PRC
58. LIFEBOAT SERVICE DE MEXICO, S.A. DE CV "NORSAFE AS MEXICO"	C. del Carmen, Mexico
59. LSA-SERVICE GmbH	Bassum, Germany
60. L46 TRADERS (BOSSS LIFEBOAT & LIFESAVING SERVICES)	Durban, South Africa
61. MARINE SURVITEC CO., LTD.	Samutprakarn , Thailand
62. M.A.R. SRL.	Geneva, Italy
63. MARLAND BOAT SERVICE LIMITED	Tortola, B.V.I.
64. MARTEC LTD.	Glyfada, Greece
65. MIZUNO MARINE CO., LTD.	Osaka, Japan
66. NAM TAE PYUNG YANG CO., LTD.	Busan, Korea
67. NANTONG HAIYOU LIFESAVING & PROTECTION EQUIPMENT CO. LTD.	Nantong, China
68. NAVALIMPIANTI USA, INC.	Florida, USA
69. NAVALIMPIANTI-TECNIMPIANTI GROUP.	Genova, Italy
70. NAVIGATION 'S S.R.L.	Italy
71. NCGB ENGINEERING CO. PVT. LTD	Kolkata, India

72. NORSAFE KOREA CO., LTD.	Gyeongsangnam – do, South Korea
73. NORSAFE SINGAPORE PTE. LTD.	Singapore
74. PALFINGER MARINE, CANADA, INC.	Langley, Canada
75. PALFINGER MARINE EUROPE BV (DUBAI BRANCH)	Dubai, UAE
76. PALFINGER MARINE PANAMA, INC.	Panama, Panama
77. PALFINGER MARINE SAFETY AS.	Seimsfoss, Norway
78. RAINBOW MARINE ENGINEERING (SHANGHAI) CO., LTD.	Shanghai
79. REINA MARINE LTD.	Athens, Greece
80. RMS MARINE SERVICE COMPANY LTD.	Qinhuangdao, China
81. SAMWOO T.E.S. CO. LTD.	Busan, Korea
82. SHANGHAI MINGYU MARINE SERVICE CO., LTD.	Shanghai, PRC
83. SHANGHAI OCEAN MARINE SERVICES CO., LTD.	Shanghai, PRC
84. SHANGHAI STAR LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT CO., LTD.	Shanghai, PRC
85. SHANTOU ANHANG SHIP'S EQUIPMENT SERVICE CO., LTD.,	Guandong, PRC
86. SHINE MARINE SERVICE CO., LTD.	Shangai, P.R. China
87. SHIPTECH MARINE SERVICE	Paranagua, Brazil
88. STAR SHIPCARE PTE., LTD.	Singapore
89. SUEZ MARINE SAFETY CO.,	Tawfik-Suez, Egypt
90. SURVISEA S.R.L.	Argentina
91. SURVITEC SURVIVAL CRAFT LTD,	United Kingdom
92. SURVIVAL SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL (UK) LTD.	United Kingdom
93. TISA LIFEBOATS & LA SERVICES S.A.	Colon, Panama
94. TRINITY MARITIME SERVICES, S.A.	Panama City, Panama
95. UMOE SCHAT HARDING S.L.	Cadiz, Spain
96. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING (F.E.) PTE LTD, (SINGAPORE)	Singapore
97. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING B.V.	Netherlands
98. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING GmbH (GERMANY)	Germany
99. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING LIMITED (England)	United Kingdom
100. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING LSA SERVICES (SHANGHAI) CO. LTD.	Shanghai, PRC
101. VIKING HELLAS S.A.	Piraeus, Greece
102. VIKING LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT A/S	Denmark / Thailand
103. WILLIEM POT B.V.	Netherlands

3.2. We remind you that the abovementioned service providers do not require further authorizations to carry out the servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear on Panamanian flagged vessels.

3.3. In addition please note that Companies approved by this Administration shall pay the amount of US\$ 250.00 for the issuance of the Certificate of Approval for the Launching Appliance and on-load release gear. (Applicable from October 14, 2015). This Approval is valid for five (5) years, and payment should be made to Segumar New York Office (PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY).

3.4. Last but not the least, it is important to clarify that service providers not listed in paragraph 3.1 of this Merchant Marine Circular, as well those service providers not approved by the manufacturers, shall continue to request authorizations in a case by case basis.

**April 2018 – Addition of address “Thailand” to the company VIKING LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT A/S.**

**Since number 6 of the above list; all the next companies to be re-numbered.**

**February 2018 – New Companies Added:** “ALATAS NORWAY AS.” “GMS KOREA CO., LTD.” “GLOBAL MARINE SAFETY LATIN AMERICA S.A.”

**January 2018 – New Companies Added:** “ALEX MARITIME SERVICE COMPANY – AMSCO”, “DELMAR SAFETY INC.”, “HSS MARINE SAFETY SERVICES LTD.”, “MIZUNO MARINE CO., LTD.”.

**December 2017 – New Companies Added:** “NORSAFE KOREA CO., LTD.”, “PALFINGER MARINE, CANADA, INC.”

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*“ HANAMARINE SERVICE CO., LTD.*

**October 2017** - New Companies added: “ DAELIM MARINE CO, LTD.” ; “ DEL – MAR DENIZDE GUVENLIK SISTEMLERI TASIMACILIK SANAYI VE TICARET LIMITED SIRKETI “; “DOLPHIN MARINE INDUSTRIAL CORP.” ;

“FINE OCEAN MARINE INDUSTRIAL CORP.” ; “MARINE SURVITEC CO., LTD.” ” SHINE MARINE SERVICE CO., LTD.” . “

**July 2017** – New Companies added: AL NAJM AL THAQIB CO., A.R.S. CO., CRALOG A/S, EXTINTORES VALENCIA, S.L., "EXTINVAL", LIFEBOAT SERVICE DE MEXICO, S.A. DE CV "NORSAFE AS MEXICO"; PALFINGER MARINE EUROPE BV (DUBAI BRANCH), PALFINGER MARINE PANAMA, INC., PALFINGER MARINE SAFETY AS..

**April 2017** – New Companies added: “NORSAFE SINGAPORE PTE. LTD.” ; “GLOBAL MARINE SAFETY LATIN AMERICA S.A.” ; “SHANGHAI STAR LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT CO., LTD.” ; “SURVITEC SURVIVAL CRAFT LTD.”

**December 2016** – New Companies added “GLOBAL MARINE SAFETY (SINGAPORE) PTE. LTD.” ; “IDP SA” ; “RMS MARINE SERVICE COMPANY LTD.”

**September 2016** – New Company added “ IBERIA LIFEBOAT SERVICE, S.L. “ , amendment to 2.1 g) and 3.3 on the way of payment, and date of reference (d.

**August 2016** – New Companies added “HAIDONG LIFE-SAVING CO., LTD.” ; “SUEZ MARINE SAFETY CO.”

**June 2016** – New Companies added “International Maritime Group”; “Lianyungang Gangwan Maritime Safety Equipment CO., LTD.”; “Sahntou Anhang Ship’s Equipment Services CO., LTD.” and “Trinity Maritime Services, S.A.”

**April, 2016** – New Companies added “BG SAFE S.R.L.”; “L46 TRADERS (BOSSS LIFEBOAT & LIFESAVING SERVICES)”; “REINA MARINE LTD.”

**March, 2016** - New Company added “Shiptech Marine Service”

**January, 2016** – New Companies added “Daelim Marine Co., Ltd.”; “Global Maritime As”; “Hyundai Lifeboats Shanghai Co., Ltd.” amendment to paragraph 3.3.

**September, 2015** – new Company added “Shanghai Mingyu Marine Service Co., Ltd.”

**July, 2015** – new Company added “Eversailing Marine Safety Technology Co., Ltd.”

**May, 2015** – point d) in reference added; point f) in 2.1 has been added; new companies added Global Marine Safety (Guangzhou), First Integrated Solutions Limited, Nantong Haiou Lifesaving & Protection Equipment Co. Ltd; Free Ocean Ship Engineering & Service Co., Ltd.; HYTEK A/S; Fassmer Service America Llc.; Lsa-Service GmbH; name change of company Schat Harding Panama Inc. to Harding Safety Panama Inc.; new paragraph 3.3 added.

**February, 2015** – new companies added Survisea S.R.L., Hatecke Service GmbH and Beacon Offshore Ltd.

**November, 2014** – new companies added Marland Boat Service Limited, Fibre Craft Asia Pte., Ltd., Rainbow Marine Engineering (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., and Star Shipcare Pte., Ltd., amendment to wording in paragraph 3.3.

**October, 2014** – Correction of Company Name Harding Safety UK Limited)

**April, 2014** – Correction of Company Name (No.2 and 11)

**March, 2014** - 1 New Company added

**February, 2014** - 5 New Companies added, Correction of Company Name (No.34)

**December, 2013** – 6 New Companies added

**August, 2013** – 7 New Companies added

**June, 2013** – 9 New Companies added

**April, 2013** – New Companies added

**April, 2013** – New Company added

**January, 2013** – Correction of Company name (No. 36) and inclusion of 2 new companies (No. 32 and No. 25).

**December, 2012**

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