



## EMBARKATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMOTELY LOCATED SURVIVAL CRAFT

### *Technical Notice SLS.17*

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,  
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

Reference is made to MSC.1/Circ.1243 and its application to all Maltese-registered ships regardless of keel laying date.

The Administration accepts any of the following means of embarkation for remotely located survival craft:

- an embarkation ladder complying with Section 6.1.6 of the LSA Code;
- a Jacob's ladder or aluminium ladder complying with Section 6.1.6 of the LSA Code; and
- other means of embarkation enabling controlled descent to the survival craft, approved by the Recognized Organization on a case-by-case basis.

A knotted rope shall not be accepted as "other means of embarkation".

All means of embarkation should be located clear of any obstructions in way of the vessel's fore part and as far aft of the bow as is reasonable and practicable so as not to compromise safe descent.

In locating the best possible position for the means of embarkation and the liferaft painter securing points, the following should be considered:

- the distance from the means of embarkation to the sea level in all conditions of loading, list and trim;
- the position of the means of embarkation relative to the position of the securing point for the liferaft painter and the length of the painter; and
- preferably, the deployed means of embarkation should be located forward of the liferaft when waterborne.

The Recognized Organization will verify compliance with this requirement at the first scheduled safety equipment survey (i.e. annual, periodical or renewal).

In instances where due to prevailing circumstances at the port of survey a ship is unable to comply with this Technical Notice, the Recognized Organization will proceed with the issue of short-term certification valid for two months by which time compliance should be assured.

The Recognized Organization shall notify the Administration of instances where short-term certification has been issued, the reason/s thereof, and the validity date.

Merchant Shipping Directorate

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