



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## LIFERAFTS WITH EXTENDED SERVICING INTERVALS

### *Technical Notice SLS.37*

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

The Directorate would like to remind all concerned that liferafts with extended servicing intervals may be accepted under Regulation III/20.8.3 and Regulation III/4 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974. Therefore, the Directorate is accepting an [Equivalent Arrangement](#) on extended servicing intervals not exceeding 30 months for those liferafts which hold:

- An EC-Type Examination Certificate based on its compliance with MSC.1/Circ.1328 and all other applicable requirements, bearing the wheel-mark, and
- A Certificate of Type Approval issued by an authorised Recognised Organization (RO) based on its compliance with MSC.1/Circ.1328 and all other applicable requirements.

Furthermore, the servicing of such liferafts shall be carried out at servicing stations approved for this purpose by the manufacturer.

In-line with MSC.1/Circ.1328 the above is granted for the first 10 years of the liferafts service lives and thereafter at the frequency required by SOLAS Regulation III/20.8.1.1. The Directorate may accept continuation of the extended servicing interval for a longer period provided that the EC-Type Examination Certificate confirms this timeframe, and as long as the hermetic seal has not been compromised.

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