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Circular Letter 005/2023

Date: 06.09.2023

Attn.: Authorized Surveyors, Ship Owners, Operators, Managers

Subject: Amendments to SOLAS 74 Convention, Ch. III, Survival craft embarkation and launching arrangements Reg. 33.2.

In accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.482(103) "AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974 (SOLAS 1974)", Chapter III, Live-saving Appliances and Arrangements, Regulation 33 (Survival craft embarkation and launching arrangements), Paragraph 2 has been revised and replaced accordingly. The amendments are entering into the force from the 1st of January 2024.

The new Regulation 33, **Paragraph 2** is mentioned below:

"On cargo ships of 20,000 gross tonnage and upwards, davit-launched lifeboats shall be capable of being launched, utilizing painters where necessary, with the ship making headway at speeds up to 5 knots in calm water."

Kindly confirm receipt and acknowledgment of Circular Letter 005/2023 by signing and returning to the Head Office Receipt Form.

Kindly be guided accordingly.
Yours faithfully,
Kristina Melikyan
Chief Executive Officer

