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## Circular Letter 007/2025

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Attn.: VRS Authorized Surveyors, Shipowners, Ship operator, Managing Companies

Subject: AMENDMENTS TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE, THOROUGH EXAMINATION, OPERATIONAL TESTING, OVERHAUL AND REPAIR OF LIFEBOATS AND RESCUE BOATS, LAUNCHING APPLIANCES AND RELEASE GEAR (RESOLUTION MSC.402(96)).

As per IMO Resolution MSC.559(108), "the Amendments to the requirements for maintenance, through examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of Lifeboats and Rescue Boats, launching appliances and release gear (Resolution MSC.402(96))", which shall enter into the force from the 1 January 2026.

Kindly find below the amendments:

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### **6 SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, THOROUGH EXAMINATION, OPERATIONAL TESTING, OVERHAUL AND REPAIR**

#### **6.2 Annual thorough examination and operational test**

Paragraph 6.2.3 is replaced by the following:

6.2.3 For lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats and fast rescue boats, the following items shall be thoroughly examined and checked for satisfactory condition and operation:

- .1 condition of the boat structure including fixed and loose equipment including a visual examination of the external boundaries of the void spaces, as far as practicable);
- .2 engine and propulsion system;
- .3 sprinkler system, where fitted;
- .4 air supply system, where fitted;
- .5 manoeuvring system;
- .6 power supply system;
- .7 bailing system;
- .8 fender/skate arrangements;
- .9 rescue boat righting system, where fitted; and
- .10 ventilation system, where fitted."

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Kindly be guided accordingly.

Yours faithfully.

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