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**To Recognized Organizations and  
Other Interested Parties**

Maritime Safety Circular No. 1, Amendment No. 1

***Subject: Application of SOLAS regulation II-1/3-13 "Lifting appliances and anchor handling winches" and MSC.1/Circular 1663 "Guidelines for lifting appliances"***

**1. Survey windows**

Requirement:

SOLAS 2023 Amendment / Chapter II-1 / Reg.3-13.3: All lifting appliances and anchor handling winches, regardless of installation date, and all loose gear utilized with any lifting appliances and anchor handling winches, shall be operationally tested, thoroughly examined, inspected, operated and maintained, based on the Guidelines developed by the Organization.

Clarification:

Recognized Organization may apply the survey windows for all testing and/or thorough examinations required by SOLAS regulation II-1/3-13 in accordance with the procedures of this Recognized Organization.

**2. Transitional requirements for testing and examination of lifting appliances**

Requirement:

SOLAS 2023 Amendment / Chapter II-1 / Reg.3-13.2.4: Lifting appliances installed before 1 January 2026 shall be tested and thoroughly examined, based on the Guidelines developed by the Organisation and comply with paragraph 2.3 no later than the date of the first renewal survey on or after 1 January 2026.

Clarification:

Recognized Organization may apply the survey windows for all testing and/or thorough examinations conducted on or after 1 January 2026, even if such examinations occur before the first renewal survey, in accordance with the procedures of this Recognized Organization.

### **3. Competent person**

Requirement:

MSC.1/Circular 1663 / Annex / 2.1: Competent person means a person possessing the knowledge and experience required for the performance of duties specified in these Guidelines and acceptable as such to the Administration.

Clarification:

A Competent Person is a Surveyor of a Recognized Organization who has successfully completed the training and acquired the knowledge and experience required to perform the duties specified in these Guidelines for lifting appliances in accordance with the procedures of this Recognized Organization.

### **4. For lifting appliances with an SWL below 1,000 kg.**

Requirement:

SOLAS 2023 Amendment / Chapter II-1 / Reg.3-13.1.3: The Administration shall determine to what extent the provisions of paragraphs 2.1 and 2.4 do not apply to lifting appliances which have a safe working load below 1,000 kg.

Clarification:

The requirement of the SOLAS 2023 Amendment, Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-13, is not required to be applied to lifting appliances with a Safe Working Load (SWL) of less than 1,000 kg. Recognized Organization may apply its procedures for the testing and/or thorough examinations of lifting appliances that have SWL below 1,000 kg.

Lifting appliances with an SWL below 1,000 kg may be tested as part of the ship's maintenance program under the Safety Management System.

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