



APPROVED LIFERAFTS FOR EXTENDED SERVICING INTERVALS

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Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives, Appointed Government Surveyors and Recognised Organisations

The Directorate would like to inform all concerned that liferafts with a 30-month extended servicing intervals may be accepted under SOLAS Reg.III/20.8.3 and under 2000 HSC Code Ch.8 Reg.8.9.9.

SOLAS Reg.III/20.8.3 states:

8.3 An Administration which approves new and novel inflatable liferaft arrangements pursuant to regulation 4 may allow for extended service intervals on the following conditions:

8.3.1. The new and novel liferaft arrangement has proved to maintain the same standard, as required by testing procedure, during extended service intervals.

8.3.2. The liferaft system shall be checked on board by certified personnel according to paragraph 8.1.1.

8.3.3. Service at intervals not exceeding five (5) years shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Organization.

2000 HSC Code Ch.8 Reg.8.9.9 states:

8.9.9 An Administration which approves new and novel inflatable liferaft arrangements pursuant to 8.1 may allow for extended service intervals under the following conditions:

8.9.9.1 The new and novel liferaft arrangement shall maintain the same standard, as required by testing procedure, throughout the extended service intervals.

8.9.9.2 The liferaft system shall be checked on board by certified personnel according to paragraph 8.9.7.1.

8.9.9.3 Service at intervals not exceeding five years shall be carried out in accordance with recommendations of the Organization.

Acceptance for a 30-month extended servicing interval is granted subject that:

- 1) the liferaft model is issued with an EC-Type Examination Certificate (MED) confirming compliance with MSC.1/Circ.1328 and bearing the wheel-mark;
- 2) the liferaft model is issued with a Type Approval Certificate issued by an authorised Recognised Organisation (RO) confirming compliance with MSC.1/Circ.1328 and all other applicable requirements;
- 3) the servicing of such liferafts shall be carried out at servicing stations approved for this purpose by the manufacturer;
- 4) at 12 months intervals, liferafts shall be visually and technically inspected, by a qualified person, for the verification of the hermetic seal tightness, monitoring of humidity levels and possible CO₂ leaks. This inspection may be carried out onboard and if any issue is identified the liferaft shall be serviced and repacked;
- 5) an inspection record book shall be maintained and be kept onboard and the liferafts shall be labelled accordingly.



This acceptance is granted in-line with MSC.1/Circ.1328 and is applicable over the first 10 years of a liferaft's life. Thereafter, servicing shall be carried out at 12 months intervals, as required by SOLAS Regulation III/20.8.1.1 and 2000 HSC Code Ch.8 Reg.8.9.7.1.1.

The Administration may accept continuation of the extended servicing intervals for a longer period provided that the manufacturer can confirm and demonstrate, by service experience, that ageing of the liferaft fabric and pressure seals remain within acceptable limits and subject to continued compliance with MSC.1/Circ.1328.

Furthermore, this Administration considers that the liferafts listed below provide safety standards and have successfully undergone evaluation and testing in compliance with MSC.1/Circ.1328 and are thus considered approved for a 30 Months Extended Service Intervals.

List of approved liferafts for 30 Months Extended Service Intervals:

Manufacturer	Model Number
Viking	25 DKFS S30
Viking	25 DKFS+S30
Viking	39 DKFS S30
Viking	12 DKF+S30
Viking	16 DKF+S30
Viking	20 DKF+S30
Viking	20 DKF+GNS30
Viking	25 DKF+S30
Viking	35 DKF+S30
Viking	6 DKN S30
Viking	10 DKN S30
Viking	6 DK+S30
Viking	8 DK+S30
Viking	10 DK+S30
Viking	12 DK+S30
Viking	16 DK+S30
Viking	20 DK+S30
Viking	25 DK+S30
Viking	35 DK+S30
Viking	12 DKS S30
Viking	25 DKS S30
Viking	25 DKS S30
Viking	50 DKS S30
Viking	50 DKS+S30
Viking	100 DKS S30
Viking	150 DKS S30

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