



**PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY**  
**MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-258**

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**To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (RO's).

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**Subject:** Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear.

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**Reference:** a. Resolution No. 106-OMI-83-DGMM  
b. MSC.1/Circ.1277  
c. MSC.1/Circ.1206 Rev.1 - Measures to Prevent Accidents with Lifeboats  
d. Resolution No. JD 020-2015 of February 15, 2015

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**1. Purpose**

- 1.1. Considering the adoption of the MSC.1/Circ.1277 of 23 May 2008, through Resolution No. 106-OMI-83-DGMM of 14 October 2011, Interim Recommendation on Conditions for Authorization of Service Providers for Lifeboats, Launching Appliances and on-load Release Gear, which recommend governments to ensure that the thorough examination, operational testing, repair, and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear were carried out in accordance with SOLAS regulation III/20 by service providers that are qualified in these operations for each make and type of equipment for which they provide the service.
- 1.2. Taking into account the guidelines on MSC.1/Circ.1206 Rev.1 of 11 June 2009, Service providers carrying out the thorough examination, operational testing, repair and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear should be authorized in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1277, this Administration would like to inform the requirements to apply for permanent authorization and also provide the list of authorized services providers according to point 3 of the aforementioned Circular.
- 1.3. It is also important to mention that this Administration accept that Service Providers Approved by Manufactures to carrying out the thorough examination, operational testing repair and overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear in accordance with SOLAS III/20 also Services Providers approved by IACS or Approved by other Administrations are also accepted in a case by case basis.

**2. Requirements for Authorization of Service Providers for Lifeboats, Launching Appliances and on-load Release Gear:**

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2.1. Companies interested to be authorized by Panama Maritime Authority as Service Providers for Lifeboats, Launching Appliances and on-load Release Gear, shall comply with the following requirements:

- a) Apply through Panama legal representative, (application shall be presented through memorial addressed to General Directorate of Merchant Marine) to be approved for periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on load release gear of Panamanian Flag Vessels.
- b) Copy of documentation of personnel certified in accordance with a recognized national, international or industry standard as applicable, or an equipment manufacturer's established certification program.
- c) Copy of valid Quality System Certificate for the Company.
- d) For service providers situated in other countries, the Administration may accept or recognize service providers authorized, certified by IACS members, for this purposes.
- e) Evidence of prior authorizations or long term experience and demonstrated expertise as service provider.
- f) Home Country Company Registry Certificate
- g) Payment receipt or copy of the bank transfer for the amount of US\$ 500.00 (Resolution JD 020-2015 of February 15, 2015) (applicable from October 14, 2015).

### 3. List of Service providers

3.1. As required by MSC.Circ.1277, to ensure that information regarding authorized service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear is made available to mariners this Administration informs that the current authorized Service providers that have presented the required documents to get approval from this Administration, in accordance with the MSC.Circ.1277 to carry out servicing and maintenance for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear for Panama flag vessels are the follows:

1. ACEBI SAS	France
2. BEACON OFFSHORE LTD.	Thailand
3. BIANCHI AND CECCHI SERVICE INC.	Miami FL, USA
4. CHANGHAE MARINE SAFETY EQUIPMENT CO.	Busan, Korea
5. COBALT BLUE BELGIUM BVBA.	Belgium
6. COBALT BLUE LTD. (GRECIA)	Piraeus, Greece
7. COBALT BLUE ROMANIA SRL.	Romania
8. COBALT BLUE SINGAPORE PTE., LTD.	Singapur
9. COBALT BLUE TRADING (SHANGHAI), CO. LTD.	Shanghai, PRC
10. COBALT BLUE USA INC.	Louisiana, USA
11. DAEWOO MARINE IND. CO, INCHEON	Incheon, Korea
12. DMI SNT CO., LTD.	Ulsar, Korea
13. FASSMER SERVICE AMERICA LLC.	Florida, USA

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14. FASSMER SERVICE GmbH & Co KG	Motzen, Germany
15. FIBRE CRAFT ASIA PTE., LTD.	Singapore
16. FIRST INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS LIMITED	Aberdeen, Scotland
17. FREE OCEAN SHIP ENGINEERING & SERVICE CO., LTD.	Qingdao, China
18. G.S. MARINE SERVICES LTD.	Cyprus
19. GLOBAL MARINE SAFETY (GUANGZHOU)	Guangzhou, China
20. HANSA LIFEBOAT GERMANY LTD.	Hamburg, Germany
21. HANYOUNG ENTERPRISE LTD.	Busan, Korea
22. HARDING SAFETY PANAMA INC.,	Panama
23. HARDING SAFETY UK LIMITED	United Kingdom
24. HARDING SAFETY USA, INC.	Delaware USA
25. HATECKE SERVICE GmbH	Germany
26. HYTEK A/S	Sindal, Denmark
27. KOSCO CP., LTD.,	Busan, Korea
28. KOSMOA INC.	Busan, Korea
29. KYONG - IN SAFETY SERVICES CO., LTD.	Incheon, Korea
30. L.A. MARITIME SERVICE INC	California, USA
31. LSA-SERVICE GmbH	Bassum, Germany
32. M.A.R. SRL.	Geneva, Italy
33. MARLAND BOAT SERVICE LIMITED	Tortola, B.V.I.
34. MARTEC LTD.	Glyfada, Greece
35. NAM TAE PYUNG YANG CO., LTD.	Busan, Korea
36. NANTONG HAIYOU LIFESAVING & PROTECTION EQUIPMENT CO. LTD.	Nantong, China
37. NAVALIMPIANTI USA, INC.	Florida, USA
38. NAVALIMPIANTI-TECNIMPIANTI GROUP.	Genova, Italy
39. NAVIGATION 'S S.R.L.	Italy
40. NCGB ENGINEERING CO. PVT. LTD	Kolkata, India
41. RAINBOW MARINE ENGINEERING (SHANGHAI) CO.,LTD.	Shanghai
42. SAMWOO T.E.S. CO. LTD.	Busan, Korea
43. SHANGHAI OCEAN MARINE SERVICES CO., LTD.	Shanghai, PRC
44. STAR SHIPCARE PTE., LTD.	Singapore
45. SURVISEA S.R.L.	Argentina
46. SURVIVAL SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL (UK) LTD.SURVISEA S.R.L.	United Kingdom
47. TISA LIFEBOATS & LA SERVICE S.A.	Colon, Panama
48. UMOE SCHAT HARDING S.L.	Cadiz, Spain
49. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING (F.E.) PTE LTD, (SINGAPORE)	Singapore
50. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING B.V.	Netherlands
51. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING GmbH (GERMANY)	Germany
52. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING LIMITED (England)	United Kingdom
53. UMOE SCHAT-HARDING LSA SERVICES (SHANGHAI) CO. LTD.	Shanghai, PRC
54. VIKING HELLAS S.A.	Piraeus, Greece
55. VIKING LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT A/S	Denmark
56. WILLIEM POT B.V.	Netherlands

3.2. We remind you that the abovementioned service providers do not require further authorizations to carry out the servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear on Panamanian flagged vessels.

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- 3.3. In addition please note that Companies approved by this Administration shall pay the amount of US\$ 250.00 for the issuance of the Certificate of Approval for the Launching Appliance and on-load release gear. (Applicable from October 14, 2015). This Approval is valid for five (5) years
- 3.4. Last but not the least, it is important to clarify that service providers not listed in paragraph 3.1 of this Merchant Marine Circular, as well those service providers not approved by the manufacturers, shall continue to request authorizations in a case by case basis.

**May, 2015** – point d) in reference added; point f) in 2.1 has been added; new companies added Global Marine Safety (Guangzhou), First Integrated Solutions Limited, Nantong Haiou Lifesaving & Protection Equipment Co. Ltd; Free Ocean Ship Engineering & Service Co., Ltd.; Hytek A/S; Fassmer Service America Llc.; Lsa-Service GmbH; name change of company Schat Harding Panama Inc. to Harding Safety Panama Inc.; new paragraph 3.3 added.

**February, 2015** – new companies added Survisea S.R.L., Hatecke Service GmbH and Beacon Offshore Ltd.

**November, 2014** – new companies added Marland Boat Service Limited, Fibre Craft Asia Pte., Ltd., Rainbow Marine Engineering (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., and Star Shipcare Pte., Ltd., amendment to wording in paragraph 3.3.

**October, 2014** – Correction of Company Name Harding Safety UK Limited)

**April, 2014** – Correction of Company Name (No.2 and 11)

**March, 2014** - 1 New Company added

**February, 2014** - 5 New Companies added, Correction of Company Name (No.34)

**December, 2013** – 6 New Companies added

**August, 2013** – 7 New Companies added

**June, 2013** – 9 New Companies added

**April, 2013** – New Companies added

**April, 2013** – New Company added

**January, 2013** – Correction of Company name (No. 36) and inclusion of 2 new companies (No. 32 and No. 25).

**December, 2012**

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