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Subject : Survey to be attended by surveyors (Rev.1)

1. Background

This Technical Information is made to clarify ambiguity and confusion between field surveyors and shipowners regarding 'Services by Service suppliers' which was issued by last 2011- ETC-06 (Please refer to the attachment). This Technical Information goes into effect as of its issuance.

2. Current Practice

In principle, services by an approved service supplier shall be carried out at the same period of any periodical survey (annual, intermediate and renewal survey) including occasional survey and approval of a classification society's surveyor is required.

Therefore, our society requires that services by the approved service suppliers to be carried out at the same period of any periodical survey including occasional survey.

However, our society allows following items to be carried out not at the same period of any periodical survey including occasional survey.

- .1 annual shore-based service for life rafts
- .2 the 5 yearly shore-based test of EPIRB
- .3 the 5 yearly or 10 yearly hydraulic pressure test for gas and air bottles
- .4 air bubble test for immersion suits.

Nevertheless, some surveyors were found requesting synchronization of survey periods under surveyor's attendance for those items that are not mandatory for service suppliers to inspect but was only being done spontaneously by the will of shipowner(e.g. annual survey of portable fire extinguishers). 3. Facts in need of clarification

If survey items, which shall be inspected onboard, are serviced by approved service suppliers, they need attendance of surveyors. However, fire-fighting appliances, such as portable and fixed fire-fighting system, EEBD, SCBA and others are not necessarily to be inspected by approved service suppliers, but allowed to be inspected by qualified onboard seafarers based on MSC.1/Circ.1432 and MSC.1/Circ.1516. Moreover, when items, which are not necessarily to be inspected onboard are inspected by shore service suppliers (e.g. in case that portable fire extinguishers, EEBD, SCBA and others are inspected by approved service supplier at shore), these inspections need not be rendered at the same period of periodical survey or occasional survey with surveyor's attendance.

In case that attending surveyors are suspicious about condition of the survey items and request for the testing, although services by service suppliers are rendered by decision of the shipowner spontaneously, a demonstration has to be given by onboard seafarers or service suppliers to prove the item in concern is in normal operating condition.

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