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Foreword

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Introduction

The IMO International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea of 1974 (SOLAS 74) Chapter III Regulation 20.8 sets requirements for the annual servicing and inspection of inflatable life rafts, inflatable lifejackets, marine evacuation systems, and maintenance and repair of inflated rescue boats on ships. This regulation refers to the IMO Recommendation on the conditions for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable life rafts Assembly resolution A.761(18).

However, this resolution only provides specific standards for the servicing, maintenance and repair of inflatable life rafts and remains silent for other types of inflatable or inflated life-saving appliances mentioned by SOLAS Chapter III Regulation 20.8 and consequently, the application of this statutory requirement could vary widely in practice.

The ISO 18079 series addresses those areas in which the IMO recommendation is silent, in order to facilitate consistent implementation by maritime Administrations. It is intended for use as a companion to the IMO recommendation and also to encompass all other relevant life-saving appliances covered by the ISO 18079 series and not necessarily regulated by IMO instruments.

The IMO Recommendation on the conditions for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable life rafts Assembly resolution A.761(18) specifies obligations and responsibilities for Administrations, manufacturers and ship owners. While the ISO 18079 series covers the requirements of this resolution, it has been rearranged and reformulated in order to enable a single entity, i.e. a servicing station, to attain certification in accordance with the ISO 18079 series. This does not mean that the specified obligations and responsibilities are lifted, delegated or otherwise transferred by authority from those parties to the single entity being certified.

This document addresses the servicing of inflatable life rafts and it is intended for use as a companion to the IMO recommendation and also to encompass all other relevant inflatable life rafts not regulated by IMO/SOLAS.

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Ships and marine technology — Servicing of inflatable life-saving appliances —

Part 2:
Inflatable life rafts

1 Scope

This document, in conjunction with ISO 18079-1, provides provisions for servicing stations servicing inflatable life rafts referred to in SOLAS III/20.8. This document is applicable to non-SOLAS inflatable life rafts, as appropriate.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 18079-1:2018, *Ships and marine technology — Part 1: Servicing of inflatable life-saving appliances*

Recommendation on conditions for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable life rafts, as adopted by IMO assembly resolution A.761(18), and amended by resolutions MSC.55(66) and MSC.388(94)

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 18079-1 and the following apply.

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— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

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3.1
flag state
state under whose laws the ship is registered or licensed

4 Servicing of inflatable life rafts

4.1 General

Inflatable liferafts approved by a SOLAS contracting government or its recognised organisations shall be inspected and serviced in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 of the annex to IMO Assembly Resolution A.761(18), as amended. This shall include the following unless otherwise specified.

The following tests and procedures shall be carried out, except where noted otherwise, at every servicing of an inflatable life raft fitted as life-saving appliance. Inflatable life raft servicing shall be carried out in accordance with the appropriate manufacturer's servicing manual. Necessary procedures shall include, but not be limited to, the following.

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