



Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit BG Verkehr

Ship Safety Division for German Flagged Ships

SAFETY ALERT

Category: Life saving appliance

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Subject:

Freefall Lifeboats, manufacturer: Hyundai, Korea, and Beihei, China

Rule reference:

SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 20

MSC.1/Circ. 1206 Rev.1 and MSC.1/Circ. 1277

Explanatory note:

According to informations from service providers, it was reported, that freefall lifeboats from manufacturer Hyundai, Korea and Beihei, China, are provided with bolts for the lifting gear, which have presumably material defects. As shown on the pictures below the bolts are missing or the bolts are without head and therefore the safety of lifting of the freefall lifeboats is affected and from a technical point of view reduced.

Action required:

Shipowners should check whether own ships are provided with a freefall lifeboat of the manufacturer Hyundai, Korea or Beihei, China. If so, the appointed safety officer in charge and/or the chief officer have to carry out a visual inspection of the lifting gear and the fix plate for the lifting gear. Examples as shown in the pictures below. In case of doubts or when the heads of the bolts are destroyed or missing, the manufacturer or its representative has to be ordered for an extraordinary service to be carried out.

Service providers carrying out thorough examination, operational testing, repairs, overhaul of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear on German flagged ships should be taken this safety matter in account, when performing services and they have to rectify this safety risk at once on board. The Flag State Administration BG Verkehr - Ship Safety Division - has to be informed immediately.

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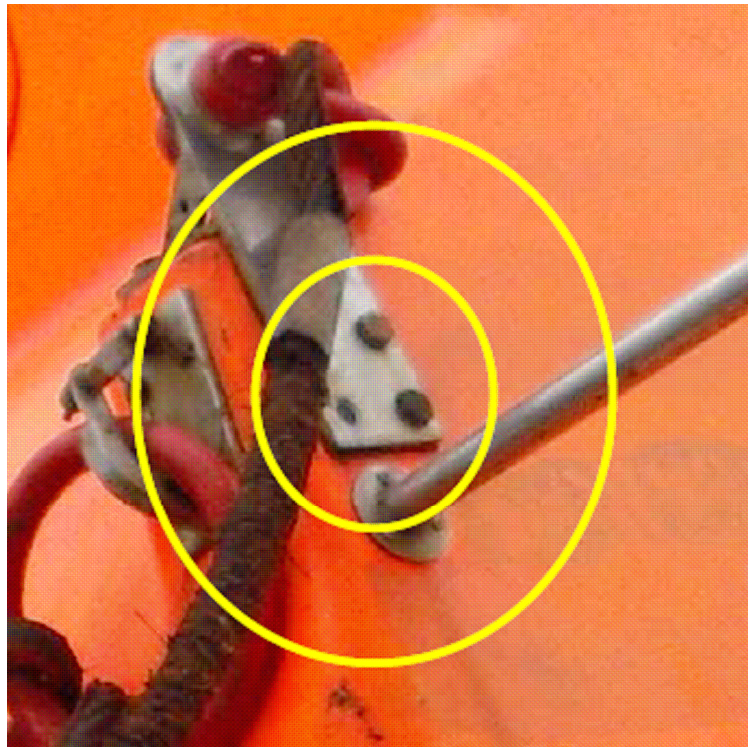
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