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Dear Sirs,

Kindly be informed, that as per IMO Resolution MSC.368(93) the amendments have been accepted to the Life-Saving Appliances Code (LSA Code), which become mandatory from the 1st of January 2016 related to **Chapter II “Personal Life-Saving Appliances” Section 2.2.**

**Lifejackets**, as mentioned below:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE (LSA) CODE  
CHAPTER II  
PERSONAL LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES**

**Section 2.2 – Lifejackets**

1. Paragraph 2.2.1.6 is amended to read as follows:  
"2.2.1.6 When tested according to the recommendations of the Organization on at least 12 persons, adult lifejackets shall have sufficient buoyancy and stability in calm fresh water to:
  1. lift the mouth of exhausted or unconscious persons by an average height of not less than the average provided by the adult RTD minus 10 mm;
  2. turn the body of unconscious, face down persons in the water to a position where the mouth is clear of the water in an average time not exceeding that of the RTD plus 1 s, with the number of persons not turned by the lifejacket no greater than that of the RTD;
  3. incline the body backwards from the vertical position for an average torso angle of not less than that of the RTD minus 10°;
  4. lift the head above horizontal for an average faceplane angle of not less than that of the RTD minus 10°; and
  5. return at least as many wearers to a stable face-up position after being destabilized when floating in the flexed foetal position as with the RTD when tested on the wearers in the same manner.



2. The following new paragraphs 2.2.1.8.4, 2.2.1.8.5 and 2.2.1.8.6 are added after existing paragraph 2.2.1.8.3 and the word "and" at the end of paragraph 2.2.1.8.2 is deleted:
  - “4. for infants the jump and drop tests shall be exempted;
  5. for children, five of the nine subjects shall perform the jump and drop tests; and
  6. in lieu of paragraph 2.2.1.8.5, manikins may be substituted for human test subjects.”

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Additionally kindly be guided by “Revised recommendations on testing of Life-Saving Appliances (Res.MSC.81(70), as amended)” as per attached IMO Resolution MSC.378(93).

Yours faithfully.

**Best regards**

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