

Circular 34 / 2012

To: Vessel Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Incident involving Norsafe AS NLH-70 lifeboat on-load release system and a reminder of SOLAS requirements

Date: 1 June 2012

Summary

Owners and operators with Norsafe AS NLH-70 lifeboat on-load release systems are urged to verify their systems are in good operational condition. It is recommended to check that the hook is properly reset and secure. In addition, attention is drawn to the Norsafe maintenance manual and [Norsafe Product Awareness Notice PAN 2011-03](#) or go to [http://dl.dropbox.com/u/12013214/PAN%202011-03%20NLH70%20hook.pdf?utm_source=Class+News&utm_campaign=7180a11a21-Subscription to Classification News7 19 2011&utm_medium=email](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/12013214/PAN%202011-03%20NLH70%20hook.pdf?utm_source=Class+News&utm_campaign=7180a11a21-Subscription+to+Classification+News7+19+2011&utm_medium=email)

A reminder of the SOLAS requirements for on-load release and retrieval systems

Further, owners and operators of existing ships are reminded that, under SOLAS regulation III/1.5, lifeboat on-load release and retrieval systems which do not comply with the new LSA Code requirements must be replaced no later than the first scheduled dry-docking of the ship after 1 July, 2014 but, in any case, not later than 1 July, 2019.

For ships constructed (having their keel laid) on or after 1 July, 2014, on-load release and retrieval systems must comply with the revised LSA Code.

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