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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974**

**Equivalent arrangements accepted under regulation I/5**

**Life-saving appliances**

**Communication by the Government of the Bahamas**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of the Bahamas regarding equivalent arrangements for life-saving appliances accepted for the **Black Watch** (IMO No.7108930), under regulation I/5 of the above Convention.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.



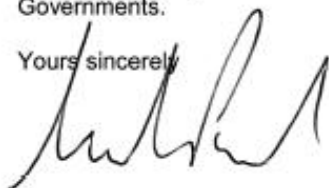
Secretary General  
International Maritime Organisation,  
4 Albert Embankment,  
London SE1 7SR,  
United Kingdom.

30<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of SOLAS 1974, as amended, Chapter I Reg 5, Chapter V- Reg 3, the Bahamas Maritime Authority acting on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, is pleased to communicate to the International maritime Organization (IMO) the following equivalent arrangement and requests that the information is circulated to all SOLAS Contracting Governments.

Yours sincerely



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The Government of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas has approved an alternative arrangement in accordance with the provisions of regulation 1/5 of the International convention for the Safety of life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended concerning Survival craft launching arrangements for the following vessel:

BLACK WATCH IMO No 7108930 dob 1972 Port Of Registry NASSAU

- 1 Regulation III/16.1 of the SOLAS Convention 1974 as amended requires that launching appliances comply with section 6.1 of the Code. For the above named vessels, part 6.1.2.2, which requires a launching appliance within the survival craft or Rescue boat, an alternative arrangement as described below has been accepted as an equivalent arrangement.

## 2 Description of the alternative design or Arrangement

The provision of the remote launching appliance within the Lifeboat has been waived provided that the following manual documented procedures are in place.

An Officer responsible for overseeing the lowering of the lifeboat is in:

- Constant two way UHF radio communication with the responsible person in the lifeboat;
- direct line of sight of the lifeboat;
- direct contact with the person operating the local davit winch brake release.