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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 United Kingdom**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of equivalent arrangements for life-saving appliances accepted under regulation I/5 of the above Convention by the Government of the Isle of Man.

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

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For the attention of the Secretary General

9<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Sir,

**Equivalent arrangements accepted under the International Convention for  
Safety of Life at Sea, 1974**

The United Kingdom has been informed that, in accordance with SOLAS Regulation I/5, the Government of the Isle of Man has accepted equivalent arrangements with regard to the launching arrangements for a rescue boat which is not one of the ship's survival craft, as detailed in SOLAS Regulation III/6 and III/17 and Chapter VI section 6.1 of the International Life Saving Appliances (LSA) Code.

Details of the equivalent arrangements are attached for circulation to contracting Governments.

Yours faithfully,

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Department for  
**Transport**

**Statement by the Government of the Isle of Man  
Equivalent Arrangement**

Regulation III/6 and III/7 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) requires that the launching appliance for a rescue boat which is not one of the ship's survival craft to comply with the requirements of section 6.1 of the International Life Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code).

The Government of the Isle of Man is of the opinion that the handling of the light rescue boats, served by a crane which has to be slewed in the outboard position for lowering the board into the water by gravity, is not significantly improved by the use of stored mechanical power.

The use of hand operated mechanism simplifies the davit construction and improves the reliability substantially.

In view of the above, the Government of the Isle of Man gives notice of the following equivalent arrangement to the requirement for stored mechanical power in paragraph 1.3 of section 6.1 of the LSA Code.

On ships equipped with a six person rescue boat which is not one of the ship's survival craft, having a weight of less than 5500N in the fully equipped condition, with the engine but without the crew, the launching appliance shall be possible by one person against an adverse list of 20 degrees and trim of 10 degrees. For all other aspects, the launching appliance shall be in full compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 6.1 of the LSA Code.

This is related to SLS.14/Circ.153, an equivalent arrangement submitted by the Netherlands in 1998, to SLS.14/Circ.406, an equivalent submitted by the Republic of Korea in January 2011 and SLS.14/Circ.421, an equivalent submitted by the Government of Gibraltar in May 2011.



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