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Att.: Mr. Homer Lambert, President

Your ref.

Our ref.
NYM-0134/BEN

Date
21 December, 2001

Re: Acceptance of US Inflatable Liferaft Servicing Stations Approved by the USCG or by a Classification Society Acting as a Recognized Organization (RO) on Behalf of a Flag Administration

Dear Mr. Lambert:

In response to your December 12, 2001 letter, IACS UR Z17 permits an RO when authorized to do so by the flag administration, to accept a USCG approved service station or the approval of another RO that is an IACS member for rafts from ships that it attends. Such service stations must meet the IMO requirements and hold a current authorization from the raft manufacturer.

Your understanding is correct. DNV will accept:

inflatable raft service stations approved by the US Coast Guard when so authorized to do so by the flag administration without additional approval by DNV for rafts from ships that are attended by DNV as the RO.

US inflatable raft service stations approved by another IACS authorized to do so by the flag administration without additional approval by DNV for rafts from ships that are attended by DNV as the RO.

As you note, this acceptance presumes that the service station meets the IMO requirements and that they are authorized by the manufacturer of the raft being serviced from ships.

We believe this determination facilitates timely service while at the same time eliminates unnecessary costs and delays for shipowners.

We look forward to a continuing association with USMSA.

Yours faithfully
for DET NORSKE VERITAS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joar Bengaard', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Joar Bengaard
Technical Manager
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