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Subject:

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

Dear Mr. Lemley:

In response to your September 20, 2002 letter, IACS UR Z17 permits an RO when authorized to do so by a flag administration, to accept a U.S. Coast Guard-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. GL will accept:

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

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

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

We believe GL's acceptance facilitates timely service while at the same time reduces costs and delays for shipowners.

I look forward to a continuing association with USMSA.

Sincerely,

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