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Attn. Mr. Homer Lambert - President

Subject : 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

Our Ref : DPS/2001/025699/MCR

Dear Mr. Lambert,

In response to your 8 November letter, IACS UR Z17 permits an RO when so 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. BV will accept :

- Inflatable raft service station approved by the US Coast Guard when so authorized to do so by the flag administration without additional approval by BV for rafts from ships that are attended by BV 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 BV for rafts from ships that are attended by BV 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. Bureau Veritas will request that the service station provide the attending surveyor with either a copy of the approval document or with reference and validity of the approval.

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

I look forward to a continuing association with USMSA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JF. Fauduet", written over a vertical line that extends downwards from the signature.

JF. Fauduet
Deputy Manager
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