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FM : SURVEY DEPARTMENT (STAFF IN CHARGE: Y.KOZEKI)

SUBJECT : SERVICING OF INFLATABLE LIFERAFTS

REF : Your fax Ref. 01NY672



In reply to your inquiry concerning servicing of inflatable, we would inform you as follows:

IMO Resolution A.761(18) "Recommendation on Condition for the Approval of Servicing Station for Inflatable Liferafts" was adopted on 4 November 1993, which was amended by Resolution MSC.55(66) on 30 May 1996. A.761(18) as amended is usually applied as an international standard. Paragraph 6.2 of the Resolution reads;

"6.2 The Administration is responsible for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable liferafts and for conducting periodic checks to determine compliance with this recommendation and for checking quality assurance by such checks or inspections as are deemed to be adequate to ensure compliance. However, for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable liferafts situated in other countries, the Administration may accept or recognize servicing stations approved, checked or inspected by surveyors nominated for the purpose or recognized organizations or by other SOLAS Contracting Governments;"

Taking account of the above provision, NK may accept the following service stations unless specially instructed by the flag Administration of the ships:

- (1) Service stations approved by the flag Administration itself or the recognized organizations acting on their behalf; or
- (2) Service stations approved by another SOLAS Contracting Governments.

At the times of renewal, intermediates and mandatory annual surveys of safety equipment certificate, service records or other documents issued by a service station shall be checked by our Society's surveyor in order to confirm that all inflatable liferafts stowed on the ship have been serviced by the liferaft service station approved by the SOLAS Contracting Governments.

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Therefore, we may accept the inflatable liferafts serviced by the service stations in US provided that they are approved by USCG and are authorized by the manufacturer of the rafts.

We trust that this answer will be satisfactory to the persons concerned.

Regards



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