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Dear Sir,

**ACCEPTANCE OF US INFLATABLE LIFERAFT SERVICING STATIONS BY
RECOGNISED ORGANISATION ACTING ON BEHALF OF SINGAPORE FOR
RAFTS FROM SINGAPORE SHIPS**

I refer to your letter dated 11 May, 2001.

2 We do agree with you that a fundamental requirement of each Administration should be to require that the inflatable liferaft service stations be authorised by the liferaft manufacturer. This is to ensure that the station can have the required technical support and supply of proper spare parts by the manufacturers. We would like to add that one of the most important criteria we use in the approval of a liferaft servicing station is that the servicing station must be approved by the liferaft manufacturer and if that servicing station is in a foreign country, then the servicing station must also be approved by the Administration of that country.

3 We understand that the USCG has a similar policy as ours. We would like to stress that rafts from Singapore ships to be serviced in the US must be serviced at a servicing stations approved by the USCG for that make of the rafts from the Singapore ships and the USCG approved servicing station must have the authorisation of the raft manufacturer to service their rafts.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director-General
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