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Dear Mr. Lemley:

This is in response to your letter of May 26, 2001, concerning acceptance by recognized organizations of Coast Guard-approved inflatable liferaft servicing facilities for servicing of inflatable liferafts on U.S.-flag ships and MODU's.

As requested in your letter, this is to confirm that the American Bureau of Shipping and other recognized organizations must accept servicing of inflatable liferafts on U.S.-flag ships and MODU's at facilities approved by the Coast Guard for the brand(s) of liferafts serviced. For servicing of liferafts on U.S.-flag ships and MODU's, the Coast Guard does not require a servicing facility to obtain separate approval as a statutory service supplier by such organizations.

I hope this is helpful to you and your members.

Sincerely,

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By direction of the Commandant