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Comments on draft amendments to paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides comments on the discussions at SSE 6 on the draft amendments to paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code. In particular, it is proposed that a clarification is provided to the text that was agreed at SSE 6.

Strategic direction, if applicable: 1

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Action to be taken: Paragraph 5

Related documents: SSE 6/17/4, SSE 6/18 (paragraphs 17.1 to 17.5) and MSC 101/14 (paragraph 2.15)

Introduction

1 This document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 6.12.5 of the *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1) and provides comments on the draft amendments to paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code, as agreed at SSE 6 (paragraph 2.15 of document MSC 101/14).

Discussion

2 At SSE 6, in considering document SSE 6/17/4 (Japan), the majority of those that spoke were of the view that the amendment to paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code should apply to newly installed rescue boats and the scope of application of the requirement should be clarified on the cover page of the draft resolution as opposed to in the draft amendment to the LSA Code (paragraph 17.4 of document SSE 6/18). IACS concurs with the view of these delegations and urges the Committee to adopt this approach when finalizing the draft amendments at this session.

3 It is noted that SSE 6 also invited MSC 101 to consider the following proposed modified version of paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code (that includes the "existing" first sentence of this paragraph) when finalizing the draft amendments to the LSA Code for adoption (paragraph 17.5 of document SSE 6/18):

"6.1.1.3 A launching appliance shall not depend on any means other than gravity or stored mechanical power which is independent of the ship's power supplies to launch the survival craft or rescue boat it serves in the fully loaded and equipped condition and also in the light condition.

On cargo ships equipped with a rescue boat which is not one of the ship's survival craft, having a mass not more than 700 kg in fully equipped condition, with engine, but without the crew, the launching appliance of the boat does not need to be fitted with stored mechanical power provided that:

- .1 manual hoisting from the stowed position and turning out to the embarkation position is possible by one person;*
- .2 the force on the crank handle does not exceed 160 N at the maximum crank radius of 350 mm; and*
- .3 means having sufficient strength such as bowsing line are provided for bringing the rescue boat against the ship's side and holding it alongside so that persons can be safely embarked."*

Proposal

4 In order to avoid an internal conflict between the provisions in paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code, i.e. between the "existing" first sentence and the "new" subsequent provisions, it is proposed to add the following clarification to the start of the "new" text (shown as **additions** and **deletions**):

"6.1.1.3 A launching appliance shall not depend on any means other than gravity or stored mechanical power which is independent of the ship's power supplies to launch the survival craft or rescue boat it serves in the fully loaded and equipped condition and also in the light condition.

***Notwithstanding the above, On** cargo ships equipped with a rescue boat which is not one of the ship's survival craft ..."*

It is noted that the term "notwithstanding" is widely used in the LSA Code in instances when other provisions in the Code are negated by the provisions that follow, e.g. paragraphs 4.6.5, 5.1.1, 5.1.4.3, 6.1.1.2 and 6.1.7.5.

Action requested of the Committee

5 The Committee is invited to consider the foregoing, in particular the proposal in paragraph 4 above, and decide as appropriate.