

Comment(s) with respect to this notice, if any, may kindly be furnished to Capt. Mohit K. Behl, NS at [mbehl-dgs@gov.in](mailto:mbehl-dgs@gov.in) with copy to [na-dgs@nic.in](mailto:na-dgs@nic.in), latest by 18.05.2019

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Merchant Shipping Notice of 2019

Incorporation of provisions of HSC Codes in respect to LSA on Indian passenger HSCs-reg.

1. Chapter III of International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 [SOLAS Convention] addresses matters pertaining to life-saving appliances and arrangements on merchant ships. In India, this is addressed by Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules and through Executive Orders (DGS Order, Merchant Shipping Notice, Circulars etc.) issued by the Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India from time to time.
2. SOLAS, Chapter X, Regulation 3 specifies that a high-speed craft constructed on or after 1 January 1996 but before 1 July 2002 which complies with the requirements of the High-Speed Craft Code, 1994 in its entirety and which has been surveyed and certified as provided in that Code and that constructed on or after 1 July 2002 which complies with the requirements of the High-Speed Craft Code, 2000 in its entirety and which has been surveyed and certified as provided in that Code shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of chapters III of the SOLAS Convention.
3. Accordingly, an Indian high-speed craft which complies with the requirements stipulated in sub para 2 above shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of chapters III of SOLAS Convention, Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules 1991 or DGS Shipping Order 05 of 2017, as applicable
4. Further in accordance with section 8.10.2 of HSC Code 1994, open reversible inflatable liferafts, complying with annex 10 of HSC Code, 1994 shall be acceptable as an alternative to liferafts complying with regulation III/39 or III/40 of SOLAS Convention on Indian High Speed Category 'A' crafts which are restricted to operate only during daylight hours, in fair weather and between the islands of Andaman & Nicobar,

5. All concerned are required to be guided by this notice when examining 'Life Saving Appliances arrangement' (LSA) plans of HSC vessels.
6. A copy of this M S Notice shall be kept with the approved LSA plan of the vessel at all times.
7. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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