

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

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Merchant Shipping Notice of 2019

Acceptance of Marine Evacuation System(s) on passenger vessels-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 III, Reg. 21.1.5 specifies that a marine evacuation system or systems complying with section 6.2 of International Life-Saving Appliance Code [LSA Code – Resolution MSC.48(66)] may be substituted for the equivalent capacity of liferafts and launching appliances required by paragraph 1.1.1 or 1.2.1 of the said regulation.
 - 2.1 Accordingly, a marine evacuation system or systems complying with section 6.2 of International Life-Saving Appliance Code [LSA Code – Resolution MSC.48(66)] may be substituted for the equivalent capacity of liferafts and launching appliances where required to be fitted on vessels in rule 30(1)(b), 30(1)(c), 31(1)(b), 31(1)(c) or 32(1)(iii) of MS(LSA) Rules 1991.
 - 2.2 A marine evacuation system or systems complying with the aforesaid requirement may also be substituted for the equivalent capacity of liferafts and launching appliances, where liferafts with launching appliances are required to be fitted on vessels classed IV, V, VI or VII in MS (LSA) Rules, 1991 ‘or’ on passenger ship notified as RSPV IV within the ambit of DGS Shipping Order No.05 of 2017.

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

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