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Subject:	USCG Policy Letter on On-Load Release Mechanisms
Reference	SOLAS – Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code

USCG Policy Letter on On-Load Release Mechanisms

The US Coast Guard (USCG) has issued a policy letter which provides guidance to assist US-flag shipowners and operators in complying with SOLAS amendments requiring all SOLAS ships, regardless of build date, to identify and replace existing on-load release mechanisms (release hooks) that do not comply with specific provisions of the International Life-Saving Appliances (LSA) Code with compliant release mechanisms no later than the next scheduled dry-docking after 1 July 2014 (but in any case before 1 July 2019).

REFERENCES:

- SOLAS – Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code

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Kindest Regards,

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