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Subject:	Life Saving Appliances – Remotely located survival craft
Reference:	SOLAS III/31.1.4 & 7.2.1.2

Life Saving Appliances – Remotely located survival craft

Liferafts required by Reg. III/31.1.4 shall be regarded as "remotely located survival craft" with regard to Reg. III/7.2.1.2.

For flag states that have not issued any formal instructions concerning this requirement, the area where these remotely located survival craft are stowed shall be provided with:

- a) a minimum number of 2 lifejackets and 2 immersion suits;
- b) adequate means of illumination, either fixed or portable, which shall be capable of illuminating the liferaft stowage position as well as the area of water into which the liferaft should be launched. Portable lights, when used, shall have brackets to permit their positioning on both sides of the vessel; and
- c) an embarkation ladder or other means of embarkation enabling descent to the water in a controlled manner as per Reg. III/11.7.

A knotted rope is not acceptable for this purpose for ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2008.

The above requirements are to be implemented for ships contracted for construction on or after 1 January 2007. For ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2014, the following additional requirements apply:

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With regard to the distance between the embarkation station and stowage location of the liferaft, the embarkation station shall be so arranged that the requirements of reg. III/13.1.3 can be satisfied.

Exceptionally, the embarkation station and stowage position of the liferaft may be located on different decks provided the liferaft can be launched from the stowage deck using the attached painter to relocate it to the embarkation ladder positioned on the other deck (traversing a stairway between different decks with the liferaft carried by crew members is not acceptable).

Also, notwithstanding the requirements in LSA Code paragraph 4.1.3.2, the painter is to be long enough to reach the area of water where the liferaft is to be embarked.

REFERENCES:

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