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To:	All Surveyors/Auditors
Applicable to flag:	All Flags
Subject:	Life Saving Appliances – Means of Embarkation
Reference:	SOLAS II-1/3-9

Life Saving Appliances –Means of Embarkation

SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-9 requires ships constructed on or after 1 January 2010 to be provided with means of embarkation on and disembarkation, for use in port and in port related operations, such as gangways and accommodation ladders, which shall be constructed and installed based on the guidelines in MSC.1/Circ.1331. (An accommodation ladder may also be used for pilot transfer arrangements. If this is the case, it is also to comply with the requirements for an accommodation ladder used as for pilot transfer arrangements.

It is to be noted that this Regulation does not explicitly require, unless specifically advised by the Flag Administration, that the arrangements are to be approved.

However, if plans of the arrangements are submitted, then they may be reviewed for compliance with MSC.1/Circ.1331. The scope of review should be clearly stated in the letter.

In determining the height of the accommodation ladder's lowest platform from the waterline, as prescribed in MSC.1/Circ.1331, Annex 1, 3.4, the actual trimmed lightest sea going condition may be used for vessels registered under the following flags:

Bahamas, Bermuda, Cyprus, Liberia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Panama, Singapore, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

However, Hong Kong and Greece (Hellenic Republic) have advised that the condition as defined in SOLAS III/3.13 (virtual even keel) is to be followed.

For vessels of other flags, the applicable flag administration is to be contacted.

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