



SERVICE BULLETIN

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1. Introduction

This service bulletin gives information about modification of the GEPA freefall release systems. GEPA FIBERGLASS LIFEBOAT company has been informed that a port state control (PSC) raised a deficiency concerning a GEPA MED-Solas approved free-fall lifeboats concerning and claiming that the existing release mechanism was found not with independent condition

2. Equipment affected

All GEPA made freefall lifeboats with below types

G-FFF1
G-FFF1-FP
G-FFF2
G-FFF2-FP
G-FFF3
G-FFF3-FP

3. Embodiment date

This service bulletin is in effect by the date of the 07-AUG-2019 after the issue of EC TYPE EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE 49307/A1 MED by Bureau Veritas.

4. Equipment and tools required

No special equipment is required other than usual service tools.



5. Action

A) For the boats that are not modified

The owners and managers of the ships having this type of boats must contact with GEPA in order to have the boat modified immediately.

B) For the boats that are already modified

Approval of any GEPA free-fall lifeboats that are already modified by providers other than manufacturer will be the responsibility of the ships' flag administration. However we invite you to contact with GEPA in case of any clarifications or questions regarding the solution implemented.

6. Modification procedure

Modification kit must be ordered from GEPA and the service company must have maker approval in order to carry out the modification job.

Modification job (installation of modification kit and final tests) takes approx. 3-4 hours on board.

The service company must do the modification as per the modification procedure GFFRM-01-DOC06-REV01 which was issued by GEPA.

The service company must issue a follow-up / modification statement after completion of the job. This statement must also be signed with ships master and copies to be sent to GEPA, flag administration and classification society.

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