



Technical Circular

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Subject: Freefall Lifeboat Release System Modification

- During Port State Control (PSC) Inspection, the release mechanism freefall lifeboat manufactured by GEPA- Fiberglass Industry & Trade Co. Inc found not meeting with the independent condition as required by the LSA Code.
- In view of above manufacturer has issued a service bulletin No.19/001.rev.1 (copy attached) providing information about the need to modify the release mechanism activation systems installed on the below types of Freefall Lifeboat.
- The types of GEPA free fall lifeboat that requires modifications are G-FFF1, G-FFF1-FP, G-FFF2, G-FFF2-FP, G-FFF3, G-FFF3-FP. These modifications are to be carried out by an approved service supplier in accordance with the manufacturer's modification procedure (GFFRM-01-DOC-06-REV01).
- Owners and operators with above GEPA (G-FFF1, G-FFF1-FP, G-FFF2, G-FFF2-FP, G-FFF3, G-FFF3-FP) type freefall lifeboats are advised to contact GEPA and Recognized Organization to arrange for modifications to be done under survey, by an approved service supplier, in accordance with applicable requirements.

Encl.:

- GEPA Service Bulletin No. 19/001.rev1-Freefall Lifeboat Release System Modification

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