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Subject : GEPA Freefall lifeboat release system modification

Recently, **GEPA FIBERGLASS LIFEBOAT** Company which is lifeboat manufacturer has published "**Service Bulletin 19-001**" as attached on 07 August 2019, detailing modification to its freefall lifeboats to ensure compliance with 4.7.6.1* of the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code.

**LSA Code 4.7.6.1 states as follow.*

Each free-fall lifeboat shall be fitted with a release system which shall:

.1 have two independent activation systems for the release mechanisms which may only be operated from inside the lifeboat and be marked in a colour that contrasts with its surroundings;

In accordance with the bulletin, the following GEPA freefall lifeboats are affected:
(For detail of application, refer to attached the Bulletin or contact the manufacturer)

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

Actions to be taken by shipowners / operators

Particular attention, where applicable, should be given to GEPA freefall lifeboats. Therefore, owners/operators of ships with the listed types of lifeboats must contact GEPA immediately to have them modified. Where the modification has been properly completed, shipowners/operators should ensure that the statement issued by service company after modification should be kept onboard to prevent a deficiency by a Port State Control (PSC) in future and the ship master should provide this statement to KR surveyor at the relevant survey as soon as possible.

※ **Attachment : Service Bulletin 19-001** END

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