



SERVICE BULLETIN

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NO:19/001 FREEFALL LIFEBOAT RELEASE SYSTEM MODIFICATION *(total 2 pages)*

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

Since the existing modifications which are already done by any organisations other than maker of the lifeboats or its authorized agents , do not comply with the current EC TYPE EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE 49307/A1 MED issued by Bureau Veritas, they must go through a follow-up examination by maker approved service company for re-modification.

The approved modification plan includes approved materials (such as hoses, adapters and valves) which are tested and to be used during the modification process.

In this case, eventhough the lifeboats which were already modified by the approval of flag and class societies, are not considered to comply with new TYPE EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE and therefore must be re-modified accordingly within the next available opportunity or next annual inspection as per Msc.1206 rev1.

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 apprx. 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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