

Life-Saving Appliances

including LSA Code

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Amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its ninety-eighth session by resolution MSC.425(98) on 15 June 2017. These amendments enter into force on 1 January 2020.

Chapter VI

Launching and embarkation appliances

6.1 Launching and embarkation appliances

6.1.1 General requirements

Paragraphs 6.1.1.5 and 6.1.1.6 are replaced by the following:

6.1.1.5 The launching appliance and its attachments other than winches shall be of sufficient strength to withstand a factory static proof load test of not less than 2.2 times the maximum working load.

6.1.1.6 Structural members and all blocks, falls, padeyes, links, fastenings and all other fittings used in connection with launching equipment shall be designed with a factor of safety on the basis of the maximum working load assigned and the ultimate strengths of the materials used for construction. A minimum factor of safety of 4.5 shall be applied to all structural members including winch structural components and a minimum factor of safety of 6 shall be applied to falls, suspension chains, links and blocks.”