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Introduction

The industry recognises that a major objective is to prevent accidents and incidents from occurring. A global network of competent personnel employed by authorized service providers is vital for lifesaving appliances to remain fit for purpose, sustaining crew confidence and contributing to the prevention of incidents and accidents.

It has been recognized from the new requirements in IMO Resolution MSC.402 (96) for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats) and rescue boats (including fast rescue boats), launching appliances, and release gear (henceforth referred to as "the IMO Requirements") adopted 19th May 2016 and entering into force 1st January 2020, that it is necessary to develop an International Standard. This necessity is based on the IMO Requirement in paragraph 7.1.1:

"Employment and documentation of personnel certified in accordance with a recognized national, international or industry standard as applicable, or a manufacturer's established certification programme. In either case, the certification programme shall comply with section 8 for each make and type of equipment for which service is to be provided;"

This document and the associated ISO/PAS 23678-1, ISO/PAS 23678-2 and ISO/PAS 23678-4 have been developed to achieve three key objectives.

1. The first objective was to develop training documents that would support the IMO Requirements, section 7, paragraph 7.1.1.
2. The second objective was to develop training documents that would provide a consistent, reliable, and standardised approach to training and provide a clear auditable trail for interested parties to grant authorisation supporting the IMO Requirements, section 3, to approved service providers.
3. The third objective was to develop training documents that would enable personnel certified by authorized service providers to develop and maintain competencies identified by industry experts to a Level that enables them to competently work unsupervised on equipment covered by this document.

This document has been developed by identifying common design features in relation to survival craft, davits, winches and release gear makes and types for which service is to be provided. This has been achieved by conducting professional discussions with disciplined experts, to obtain the appropriate information to develop a training programme that is fit for purpose. Successfully completing the service technician training in ISO/PAS 23678-2, ISO/PAS 23678-3 and ISO/PAS 23678-4 enables personnel certified by an authorized service provider to meet the IMO Requirements, section 7, paragraph 7.1.1, and section 8.

The ISO/PAS 23678-series on service technician training consists of:

- Part 1 Guidance to training providers; describes the competence route of the candidate and the resources that the training provider needs to deliver the training.
- Part 2 Initial training; describes the training programme for initial familiarisation and induction training that is classroom education. The training programme focuses on introducing individuals to the complex terminology, rules and regulations, organisations, health and safety which a service technician needs to understand in order to carry out their role.
- Part 3 Level 1 training; describes the controlled environment education and training delivered at a training school. The training programme focuses on the technical training for type specific lifesaving appliances.
- Part 4 Level 2 in-field competence; describes the requirements for initial in-field and ongoing competence assessments.

NOTE ISO/PAS 23678-1, ISO/PAS 23678-2 and ISO/PAS 23678-3 are referencing typical in-house/training school training programmes. ISO/PAS 23678-4 is typical in-field performance of the personnel trained and recording of their competence.

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Part 3: Level 1 technician training

1 Scope

This document establishes a uniform, safe and consistent approach to the technical training of personnel for the maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats) and rescue boats (including fast rescue boats), launching appliances and release gear.

It also provides the necessary information for interested parties to grant authorization, effectively evaluate and audit training, supporting the IMO Requirements, Section 3.

It specifies the training requirements for the Level 1 controlled environment education and technical training for personnel certified by a manufacturer or an authorized service provider to carry out maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats) and rescue boats (including fast rescue boats), launching appliances and release gear.

The Level 1 training is split into two Stages, both covered in this document:

- Stage 1, Service Technician technical controlled environment education and training, has five modules that consist of classroom-based theory followed by practical sessions. The five modules encompass the scope and range of technical knowledge and skills required to assume type specific design coverage of survival craft, release systems, davits and winches. The modules focus on supporting the requirements in part of the IMO Requirements, paragraphs 8.1, 8.2.1.1-8.2.1.6, 8.2.2, and 8.2.3.
- Stage 2, Service Technician technical controlled environment experience and assessment, where candidates undertake a minimum of four supervised scenarios-based practical exercises assessments covering the range of type specific complete systems for which they will be certified.

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO/PAS 23678-1, ISO/PAS 23678-2 and ISO/PAS 23678-4.

This document is applicable to the following types of lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats (including fast rescue boats), launching appliances and release gear.

Survival craft types:

- a) single fall totally enclosed lifeboats with sprinkler and air systems;
- b) twin fall totally enclosed lifeboats with sprinkler and air systems;
- c) partially enclosed lifeboats;
- d) tender lifeboats;