

ANNEX 16

**RESOLUTION MSC.55(66)
(adopted on 30 May 1996)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE RECOMMENDATION ON
CONDITIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF SERVICING STATIONS
FOR INFLATABLE LIFERAFTS (RESOLUTION A.761(18))**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO that the Assembly, when adopting resolution A.761(18) on Recommendation on conditions for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable liferafts, authorized the Committee to keep this Recommendation under review and to adopt, when appropriate, amendments thereto,

RECOGNIZING the recent technological advancement made in testing procedures for inflatable liferafts and with a view to improving their safety standard,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Life-Saving, Search and Rescue, at its twenty-sixth session, upon review of the Recommendation,

1. ADOPTS the Amendments to the Recommendation on Conditions for the Approval of Servicing Stations for Inflatable Liferafts (Annex to resolution A.761(18)), set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. INVITES Governments to inspect servicing stations for inflatable liferafts within their authority in accordance with the Recommendation as amended by the present resolution.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE RECOMMENDATION ON CONDITIONS FOR
THE APPROVAL OF SERVICING STATIONS FOR INFLATABLE
LIFERAFTS (RESOLUTION A.761(18), ANNEX)**

- 1 Replace the text of subparagraph 5.4 by the following:

"4 each liferaft should be subjected to the necessary additional pressure (NAP) test as described in appendix 1, at yearly intervals after the tenth year of the liferaft's life unless earlier servicing is deemed necessary as a result of visual inspection. After allowing sufficient time for the liferaft to regain fabric tension at working pressure, the liferaft should be subjected to a pressure holding test over a period of not less than one hour during which the pressure drop should not exceed 5% of the working pressure;"
- 2 Replace the text of subparagraph 5.9 by the following:

".9 with the buoyancy tubes supported by a system which leaves the floor seams unsupported, at a suitable height above the service floor as shown in appendix 3, a person weighing not less than 75 kg should walk/crawl around the perimeter of the floor for the entire circumference and the floor seams should be checked again. Manufacturers may substitute this test with another test which will determine the integrity of the floor seam until the next inspection is due. This test should be carried out at yearly intervals after the tenth year of the liferaft's life;"
- 3 Replace the text of subparagraph 5.12 by the following:

".12 davit-launched liferafts should be subject to a 10% overload suspension test at every second servicing. The floor seam (FS) test required in the eleventh and subsequent years need not be carried out for davit launched liferafts at servicings when the overload suspension test is conducted;"
- 4 Replace the text of subparagraph 6.2 by the following:

".2 the Administration is responsible for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable liferafts and for conducting periodic checks to determine compliance with this recommendation and for checking quality assurance by such checks or inspections as are deemed to be adequate to ensure compliance. However, for the approval of servicing stations for inflatable liferafts situated in other countries, the Administration may accept or recognize servicing stations approved, checked or inspected by surveyors nominated for the purpose or recognized organizations or by other SOLAS Contracting Governments;"
- 5 Add after the appendix 2 an appendix 3 - Guidelines for floor seam test supports, as attached.

APPENDIX 3

GUIDELINES FOR FLOOR SEAM TEST SUPPORTS (REF. PARAGRAPH 5.9)


