



# South African Maritime Safety Authority

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### Record of Type approval certificates

TO MASTERS, SHIP OPERATORS, MARINE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS AND THEIR AGENTS, AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

*Marine Notice No. 21 of 2018 is cancelled*

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#### *Summary*

This marine notice informs the industry of SAMSA's policy regarding certificates of approval. It lists the safety equipment that has valid type approval for use on South African ships and invites the industry to note the information in the list and to apply for approval of equipment where appropriate.

- 1 SAMSA has reviewed all existing type approvals of safety equipment for use on South African ships.
- 2 In the light of this review, SAMSA has decided the following:
  - .1 Only the following items of equipment will be approved:
    - Liferrafts
    - Lifejackets
    - personal flotation devices;
    - rescue boats;
    - pyrotechnics;
    - dangerous goods packaging.
    - Lifebuoys.
  - .2 Safety equipment not specified in 2.1 and pollution prevention equipment must have a certificate of approval issued by one of the flag State administrations or Recognized Organisations listed in paragraph 5.
  - .3 EPIRBs, SART's and all terrestrial and satellite radio equipment for marine use are approved by ICASA. Standards and specification to which these equipment must comply with is specified in Marine Notice 9 of 2017.
- 3 A manufacturer or agent wishing to sell equipment of the kind referred to in 2.1 for use on South African ships that is not listed in the Annex, must apply to SAMSA for the approval of the equipment.
- 4 Application for a certificate of approval can be made through the nearest Principal Officer. The application should be accompanied by as much information as possible about the item of equipment and must be accompanied by a valid certificate of approval from another flag State administration, or a test certificate from the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), or a certificate of approval from a classification society issued on behalf of another flag State administration, or a "CE" type approval certificate issued by a classification society or another "CE"-approved testing facility. SAMSA is not a

testing authority and will not test or witness tests to ensure compliance with applicable technical standards. However, SAMSA reserves the right to inspect the item of equipment submitted for approval.

- 5 SAMSA will accept valid certificates of approval from the following Flag State administrations and Recognized Organisations:

<b>Flag State administrations</b>			
Australia (AMSA)	The USA (Coast Guard)	Canada	Sweden
The Netherlands	Denmark	Norway	France
New Zealand	Germany	Belgium	Singapore
Spain	Finland	Italy	Japan
The United Kingdom (MCA)	Portugal	South Korea	Russia
<b>Recognized Organisations</b>			
Lloyds Register of Shipping (LR)	American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)	Bureau Veritas (BV)	Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)
DNV. GL (DNV.GL)	Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK)	Registro Italiano Navale (RINA)	Korean Register of Shipping (KRS)
Russian Register of Shipping (RS)	China Classification Society (CCS)		

- 6 Industry should note that the following additional requirements apply to lifejackets and liferafts:
- .1 South African requirements for lifejackets are more stringent than those laid down in the IMO International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code. A South African lifejacket must be SABS / NRCS tested and approved. This means that lifejackets used on South African ships must be either manufactured under SABS quality control or tested each time the certification (approval) is renewed.
  - .2 Liferafts can be approved for use on South African ships only if there is an approved facility in South Africa for the servicing of the specific make and model of liferaft.
- 7 A certificate of approval is generally granted for a period not exceeding 5 years; however, the period will not exceed the period of validity of the supporting documentation.
- 8 The Annex lists the certificates of approval that are still valid (i.e. not older than 5 years) under the following headings:
- rescue boats;
  - liferafts and associated equipment;
  - lifebuoys and associated equipment;
  - lifejackets and associated equipment;
  - line throwing appliances;
  - hydrostatic release units;
  - lifeboat and liferaft rations;

- pyrotechnic signals;
- packaging of dangerous goods.

The list of certificates of approvals can be found by following the link provided below;  
<http://www.samsa.org.za/document/list-certificates-approvals>

9 Enquiries can be directed to SAMSA at the contacts given below.

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