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NEWS

MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION/SURVEY OF MEANS OF EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION SUCH AS GANGWAYS AND ACCOMMODATION LADDERS

LEADING gangway and accommodation ladder manufacturer FASSMER would like to inform you, that starting 1st January 2010 new IMO rule MSC 1331 come into force.

Accommodation ladders and gangways, including associate winch and fittings, should be properly maintained and inspected at appropriate intervals as required by SOLAS regulation III/20.7.2, in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.

A thorough examination during annual surveys is required by SOLAS regulations I/7 and I/8 and checked for satisfactory condition of the accommodation ladder, winch and gangway.

At every five-yearly survey, upon completion of the thorough examination, the accommodation ladder, winch and gangway should be operationally tested with the specified maximum operational load of the accommodation ladder, winch and gangway.

All inspections, maintenance work and repairs of accommodation ladders and gangways should be recorded in order to provide an accurate history for each appliance. The information to be recorded appropriately on board should include the date of the most recent inspection, the name of the person or body who carried out that inspection, the due date for the next inspection and the dates of renewal of wires used to support the embarkation and disembarkation arrangement.

FASSMER is able to offer the required thorough examinations throughout of the world wide FASSMER service network.

Regards,

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