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To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers and Classification Societies

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**Lifeboats: Fitting of ‘Fall Preventer Devices’ to Reduce the Danger of Accidental On-Load Hook Release**

1. Following discussions at the IMO new standards have been introduced for all lifeboat release and retrieval systems including those installed on existing ships.
2. Existing ships that do not comply with the revised LSA Code as per SOLAS III/1.5 must be replaced by the first scheduled dry docking after 1 July 2014 and not later 1 July 2019.
3. The Gibraltar Maritime Administration strongly urges that all Gibraltar registered vessels should be fitted with fall preventer devices (FPD) pending the evaluation of the systems for compliance with the requirements of the revised LSA Code.
4. The SGN is only applicable to davit launched lifeboats fitted with on-load release hooks.
5. FPD's should be fitted in accordance with MSC.1/Cir. 1327 'Guidelines for the fitting and use of fall preventer devices (FPD's)
6. The attached UK MGN 445 should also be followed when considering the systems on board the particular vessel.

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