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Foreword

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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 requirement in paragraph 7.1.1 of the IMO Requirements:

"*Employment and documentation of personnel certified in accordance with a recognized national, international or industry standards 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 23678-3 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 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 consist 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 that 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 4: Level 2 in-field competence

1 Scope

This document establishes a uniform, safe and consistent approach to the in-field competence assessment 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 Level 2 in-field initial and ongoing competence assessment 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 training an individual receives whilst following a development process is covered in ISO/PAS 23678-2 and ISO/PAS 23678-3.

The competence requirements contained in this document provide a clear description of performance in-field in respect to:

a) what practitioners are expected to do;

b) the underpinning knowledge and skills they require to enable them to do what is expected;

c) how they can demonstrate what is expected of them;

d) how their performance can be assessed.

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;

e) freefall lifeboats;

f) open lifeboat;

g) inflatable rescue boats;

h) rigid rescue boats;

i) semi ridged inflatable rescue boats;

j) rigid fast rescue boats;

k) rigid inflatable fast rescue boats.

Survival craft propulsion system types:

a) inboard diesel engines;

b) outboard engines;

c) propeller drives;

d) jet drives.

Davit types:

a) gravity single and twin fall outrigger;

b) hydraulic single pivoting/luffing;

c) hydraulic multi pivot/luffing;

d) telescopic;

e) gravity roller track;

f) gravity free fall primary;

g) free fall hydraulic secondary;

h) A-frame hydraulic;

i) single arm slewing (manual, electric);

j) davits with stored power systems.

Winch types:

a) twin drum;

b) single drum;

c) gravity-lowering, electric hoisting;

d) gravity-lowering hydraulic hoisting;

e) hydraulic hoisting and lowering.

Hook release system types:

a) on-load/off load(load not over centre);

b) on-load/offload (load over centre);

c) off load;

d) freefall hydraulic;

e) automatic.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions and abbreviated terms given in ISO/PAS 23678-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

4 Level 2 in-field competence

4.1 General

This competence document is designed to meet the in-field and ongoing competence assessment for Level 2 Service Technicians.

Any inspection, maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul, and repair shall be carried out according to the maintenance service manuals and associated technical documentation developed by the manufacturer.

See Annex B for examples of certificates.

See Annex C for checklists to assess Level 2 service personnel competence.

4.2 Candidate pre-requisites for Level 2 Service Technician in-field assessment

To be assessed against the competence statements, candidates shall either have appropriate evidence of experience in-field, or be deemed competent in relation to ISO/PAS 23678-2 and ISO/PAS 23678-3. They shall either:

a) have successfully completed Level 1 Service Technician controlled environment technical education and training; or

b) provide evidence to verify a satisfactory level of previous experience (see ISO/PAS 23678-1:2020, 4.7.6, for acceptable evidence requirements).

4.3 Competence unit/element titles

4.3.1 Unit 1 — Work, health, and safety issues while conduction activities on board

a) element 1.1: the people that need to be informed, and consulted with, prior to and during the scope of work;

b) element 1.2: the documentation that needs to be raised, checked, verified interpreted and completed prior to and during interventions;

c) element 1.3: safety checks that need to be carried out prior to commencing work;