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## Measures to Prevent Accidents with Lifeboats (MSC.1 / Circular 1206)

The issues relating to MSC.1 / Circ. 1206, in particular measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats, was discussed during MSC 82 from  $29^{th}$  December – 8 December 2006.

As a result of those discussions the Committee recognising the practical difficulties in the implementation of MSC.1 / Circ.1206, mainly related to the training and certification of servicing personnel by the manufacturer, and the suitability of the geographical coverage of manufactures representation agreed to keep the Circular non-mandatory at this stage until the difficulties have been overcome.

It is likely that the Circular will become mandatory by 2010.

Until then, the Gibraltar Maritime Administration advises owners and operators to adhere to, whenever possible, to the guidance contained in MSC.1 / Circ 1206.

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