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Shipping Information Notice – 119 ***SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-13*** ***Lifting appliances and anchor handling winches*** ***(Repeals SIN 017(a) as from 01 January 2026)***

To: Masters, Owners, Operators & Recognised Organisations

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The purpose of this Shipping Information Notice (SIN) is to bring to the attention of all Masters, owners, operators, and Recognised Organisations of Gibraltar registered ships, the adoption via IMO Resolution MSC.532 (107) of new SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-13 in respect of lifting appliances and anchor handling winches for vessels subject to the application of the regulation
- 1.2. The SIN further clarifies the policy of the Gibraltar Maritime Administration in respect of regulation 3-13.1.3, in respect of lifting appliances having a safe working load (SWL) below 1000 kg.

2. Application

- 2.1. Applicable to Gibraltar registered ships subject to the application of SOLAS Chapter 1, Regulation 1.
- 2.2. The requirements of Flag State *SIN 017(a) - Requirements for Lifting Equipment Inspection and Certification*, will continue to remain in force until the effective date of newly adopted SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-13.
- 2.3. The effective date of SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-13 is 01 January 2026 for ships constructed on or after 01 January 2026, and a retroactive requirement for existing ships.
- 2.4. SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-13 does not apply to:
 - lifting appliances on ships certified as MODUs;
 - lifting appliances used on offshore construction ships, such as pipe/cable laying/repair or offshore installation vessels, including ships for decommissioning work, which comply with standards acceptable to the Administration¹;
 - integrated mechanical equipment for opening and closing hold hatch covers; and
 - life-saving launching appliances complying with the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code.

3. Gibraltar Maritime Administration policy in respect of regulation 3-13.1.3

3.1. SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-13.1.3 states that *“The Administration shall determine to what extent the provisions of paragraphs 2.1 and 2.4 do not apply to lifting appliances which have a safe working load below 1,000 kg”*.

3.2. In respect of SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-13.1.3, The policy of the Gibraltar Maritime Administration is that lifting appliances having a SWL below 1000 kg, shall be subject to the same requirements as those having a SWL of 1000 kg and above.

¹ *The acceptable standards shall be those of the ship’s Classification Society’s applicable rules*

Further Reading / References:

- SOLAS Chapter II-1, Regulation 3-13
- IMO Resolution MSC.532 (107)
- Circular MSC.1/Circ.1662 – Guidelines for anchor handling winches
- Circular MSC.1/Circ.1663 – Guidelines for lifting appliances
- Flag State Shipping Information Notice (SIN) 017(a) - Requirements for Lifting Equipment Inspection and Certification

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For and on behalf of the Maritime Administrator

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