



# G-B INTERNATIONAL

## INTERNATIONAL SHIPS REGISTRY OF GUINEA-BISSAU

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974

### **Equivalent arrangement accepted under Regulations I/5 and III/4, of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and MSC.1/ Circ. 1328 Extended Service Intervals for inflatable liferafts**

#### **Statement by the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau**

According to SOLAS III/20.8.1, every inflatable liferaft, inflatable lifejacket, and marine evacuation system shall be serviced at intervals not exceeding 12 months, provided where in any case this is impracticable, the Administration may extend this period to 17 months; and

SOLAS III/20.8.3, provides for an Administration which approves new and novel inflatable liferaft arrangements pursuant to regulation 4 to allow for extended service intervals on certain conditions.

VIKING S30 series of liferafts, models: 6DK, 8DK, 10DK, 12DK, 16DK, 20DK, 25DK, 35DK, 50DK, 12DKF, 16DKF, 20DKF, 25DKF, 34DKF

The above-listed liferafts are approved by Det Norske Veritas in accordance with the requirements of SOLAS as amended, Chapter III regulations 4, 13, 21, 26, 31 and 34 and Chapter X regulation 3, the LSA Code, MSC/Circ. 811 and 2000 HSC Code Chapter 8.

The liferafts also hold EC Type Examination Certificates in compliance with Council Directive 96/98/EC of 20 December 1996 on marine equipment as amended.

In addition, the liferafts have successfully passed the tests described in MSC.1/Circ.1328 of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009 on 'Guidelines for the approval of inflatable liferafts subject to extended service intervals not exceeding 30 months'.

The conditions under which extended service intervals have been accepted are:

- .1 Servicing will be carried out at 30-month maximum intervals, only at servicing stations that have been authorized and appointed for this purpose by "Viking Life-Saving Equipment A/S".
- .2 Hermetic seal verification must be performed at maximum intervals of 12 months from the date of last service. This may be done on board with ship by certified personnel.
- .3 Based on the manufacturers documented in field trials and testing, the liferafts covered by this document may continue with extended service intervals not exceeding 30 months after their 10<sup>th</sup> year of service up to and including the 15<sup>th</sup> service year.
- .4 Liferafts that are specially packed shall be repacked at each service using new packaging materials within the GRP outer container.

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- .5 On loss of hermetic seal for any reason within the first 12 months of its life, a raft will be serviced and repacked within or before month 12 or 30 months from previous repacking if sooner. On loss of hermetic seal for any reason after month 12, a raft will be serviced and repacked within 3 months or 30 months from previous repacking if sooner.
- .6 All servicing tests prescribed in Resolution A 701(18) as revised by Resolution MSC 388(94) which would have been carried out during the period of the extended service interval will be carried out by the service station at the next service after the nominal 'due date' of that test.
- .7 Monitoring on board is to be done by certified personnel and they will check the humidity based on a computer program that checks the humidity levels and any CO2 leakages. All readings are recorded on the computer. A label, with the date and the liferaft serial number is then printed and placed on the individual liferaft certificate on board the ship, as documented evidence for record and inspection purposes.
- .8 Passenger ships equipped with liferafts specially packed as above will comply with SOLAS regulation III/19.4.3 by carrying on board or having ready access to a conventionally packed training liferaft of similar type and means of operation, or by carrying a visual training aid which can simulate inflation and davit launching of such liferafts.
- .9 In addition to other required marks, the outer containers of specially packed S30 liferafts within the extended servicing scheme shall carry the following label:

1. This liferaft is permitted for extended service intervals of 30 months at an approved station.
2. The liferaft must be inspected on board by a person certified for such purpose by Viking Life-Saving Equipment A/S at intervals not exceeding 30 months.

