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Incorporation of provisions of High-Speed Craft Codes in respect to LSA on Indian passenger High-Speed Crafts - reg.

- Chapter III of International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 [SOLAS Convention] addresses matters pertaining to life-saving appliances and arrangements on merchant ships. In India, this is addressed by Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules and through Executive Orders (DGS Order, Merchant Shipping Notice, Circulars etc.) issued by the Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India from time to time.
- SOLAS, Chapter X, Regulation 3 provides that -
 - a high-speed craft constructed on or after 1 January 1996 but before 1 July 2002 which complies with the requirements of the High-Speed Craft Code, 1994 in its entirety and which has been surveyed and certified as provided in that Code; and
 - a high-speed craft constructed on or after 1 July 2002 which complies with the requirements of the High-Speed Craft Code, 2000 in its entirety and which has been surveyed and certified as provided in that Code;- shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of certain chapters of the SOLAS Convention.
- Accordingly, an Indian High-Speed Craft (HSC) which complies with the requirements stipulated in sub para 2 above shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of chapters III of SOLAS Convention and Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules 1991, (as amended).
- Further, in accordance with section 8.10.2 of HSC Code 1994 and 2000, open reversible inflatable life rafts, complying with applicable annexure of the relevant HSC Code [i.e. Annex 10 of HSC Code, 1994; Annex 11 of HSC Code, 2000] are acceptable as alternative to the required life rafts [i.e. life rafts complying with Reg. III/39 or III/40 of SOLAS-1974 for HSCs certified under HSC Code 1994; life rafts complying with Reg. 4.2 or 4.3 of LSA Code for HSCs certified under HSC Code, 2000] on category 'A' high-speed crafts operating only during daylight hours, in fair weather and between Port Blair, Swaraj Dweep island, Shaheed Dweep island and Baratang.
- All concerned are required to be guided by this MSN when examining 'Life Saving Appliances arrangement' plans of HSCs.

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6. A copy of this MSN shall be kept with the approved LSA plan of the vessel at all times.
7. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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