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Dear Sir,

Ref: Amendments to MSC Resolution 226(82) Recommended Test Standards for Life Saving Appliances

1. With regards to the subject, this is to confirm that Lloyd's Register Verification will continue to certify life raft lights to existing testing requirements of MSC 81(70) until 1st July 2008.
2. Life raft lights designed and approved prior to this 1st July 2008, may continue to be sold for use on merchant ships providing the type approval certificate remains valid.
3. In the interim, manufacturers should conduct research and development to ensure that compliance with the new requirements of MSC Resolution 226(82) is achievable as soon as possible and no later than the date the type approval certificate expires.
4. It should be noted that individual flag States may require lights that have been tested to the new requirements contained in the amendments to the LSA Code and the Recommended Test Procedure that enter into the force on 1st July 2008 to be installed onboard vessels registered under their flag.

Regards,



Tio Devaney
Surveyor to Lloyd's Register