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Authorized service providers for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear.

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Notice to: Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators/ Surveyors/ Auditors/ Service Suppliers

This circular is issued with the purpose to inform the requirements to apply for permanent authorization by Panama Maritime Authority and make available the list of its authorized services providers. Also, through MMC-258, Panama Maritime Authority aims to remind that authorized service providers must ensure that their personnel performing this work shall be certified in accordance with the IMO Resolution [MSC.402. \(96\)](#), for each make and type of equipment to be worked on. Therefore, makes and types of equipment, activities and the expiry date must be clearly written on the certificate issued to each of these personnel.

It must also be reminded that Companies (as defined in SOLAS regulation IX/1.2.) ensure that maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul, and repairs on board their ships are conducted in accordance with these Requirements and SOLAS regulation III/20. The Companies shall establish and implement health, safety, and environment (HSE) procedures covering all activities set out in these Requirements.

List of Service providers

The Panama Maritime Authority through Merchant Marine Circular MMC-258 issues a list of current authorized service providers to perform work on Panama flag vessels. This list is reviewed monthly by reviewing Merchant Marine Circular MMC-258. The forementioned list can be found [here](#).

Act now

Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators/ Surveyors/ Auditors/ Service Suppliers should take into consideration the Merchant Marine Circular MMC-258 and pay due attention to the revised list.