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Guinea-Bissau – Viking Liferafts – equivalent arrangements

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

This Circular is issued to advise that the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau have issued a [statement](#) concerning extended service intervals for some Viking liferafts.

Whilst SOLAS III/20.8.1 requires every inflatable liferaft to be serviced at intervals not exceeding 12 months, SOLAS III/20.8.3 provides for Administrations to extend service intervals under certain conditions.

Guinea-Bissau have extended the service interval for certain Viking liferafts to 30 months, subject to a number of conditions being complied with.

The liferafts granted this extension are the Viking S30 series, with model numbers: 6DK, 8DK, 10DK, 12DK, 16DK, 20DK, 25DK, 35DK, 50DK, 12DKF, 16DKF, 20DKF, 25DKF, 34DKF.

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All Ship Owners / Managers / Operators / Surveyors / Auditors should ensure that where such extension of service interval is utilised, all the necessary conditions as detailed in the Guinea-Bissau statement are complied with.