

Draft technical regulation concerning amendment to Regulation 15 October 1991 No. 709 concerning life saving appliances on board fishing vessels

Regulation 15 October 1991 no 709 concerning life saving appliances on board fishing vessels, hereafter called the life saving appliances regulation, covers fishing vessels of less than 15 meters in overall length.

The references given in the existing life saving appliances regulation is out of date, since the International Life-Saving Appliances Code, the LSA-Code, have replaced references to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) regarding life saving appliances. This must be mirrored in the Norwegian regulation on this matter.

The draft includes also minor changes but overall no material changes are at hand exceeding those of the SOLAS text converted into the LSA-Code. This is shown in the draft.

Hence the regulations is only updating its references, the impact of the new regulation is of very little consequence.

Draft regulation

§ 2 new no 19 shall read:

19. The LSA-Code: ("International Life-Saving Appliance Code"): The International Life-Saving Appliances Code, adopted by the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO's) Maritime Safety Committee by resolution MSC.48(66), with later changes adopted by IMO.

§ 5 no 2.1 shall read:

2.1. Survival suit and life jacket shall be type approved, and satisfy the terms of *the LSA-Code no. 2.2.1 and 2.3*. Survival suit shall be thermal isolated. They shall be permanent marked with the name, home place and registration number of the vessel.

§ 5 no 2.2 fifth point shall read:

- Lights, which satisfy the requirements of the *LSA-Code no 2.2.3*.

§ 10 nr 4 fourth para shall read:

A list of requirements of equipment for rescue boat and life boat is found in §§ 14 and 15. Requirements for equipment of inflatable life rafts concerning vessels with a trade certificate or a vessel instruction, is found in *the LSA-Code no. 4.1 and 4.2*.

§ 10 no 5.1 shall read:

5.1. Vessel of 10,67 meters and above shall be equipped with a hydrostatic launching appliance for life rafts so that they will float free if the vessel sinks. The appliance shall be according to *the LSA-Code no. 4.1*.

§ 13 shall read:

§ 13. The life saving appliances type and size

The rescue boat shall have a length of at least 4,10 meters and a life boat a length of at least 3,30 meters. The number of persons permitted is set after the seating capacity and the required equipment on board. A rescue boat shall furthermore fulfil the requirements of a man-over-board-boat and be equipped with a canopy arranged in such way it can be set up and give full protection of the persons on board the boat. A necessary part of the canopy shall be transparent so that the boat can be manoeuvred with the canopy up. *The man-over-board-boat shall fulfil the requirements of the LSA-Code no. 5.1, except no. 5.1.2, and furthermore fulfil the requirements of this regulation § 14 nr. 6, 12, 15 og 29.*

Inflatable life rafts shall fulfil the requirements of the LSA-Code no. 4.1 and 4.2. However can life rafts for less than six persons, but at least four persons, be accepted if the maximum number of persons on board is not more than what the life raft is calculated for.

For life boats the requirements of the LSA-Code no. 4.4, 4.6, 4.8, and 4.9 apply. For both life boats, life rafts and man-over-board-boats, the requirements for launching and embarkation appliances is set out in the LSA-Code no. 6.1.

Radio equipment for life boats and rescue boats shall be according to regulation 22 December 1993 no. 1242 concerning radio facility and radio service on fishing vessels.

Life boat and rescue boat shall have an engine. For vessels under 10,67 meters (Loa) however, rescue boat without an engine can be accepted within 12 nautical miles from the base line. A rescue boat shall have floating appliances as for life boats.