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To all Owners, Managers and Representatives  
of ships under the Cyprus Flag.

To all recognised Classification Societies and Inspectors of Cyprus Ships

**Subject: Static test of launching appliances' winch brakes.**

With reference to the above subject and to the Circular No. 4/2000 issued on 25/2/2000 please note the following clarifications and instructions:

1. The static test required by section 6.1.2.5.1 of the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code) prescribes a proof load not less than 1.5 times the maximum working load. This requirement was not included in SOLAS 1974 before the 83 Amendments and therefore the launching appliances of ships constructed before the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1986 may not sustain the a.m. proof load.
2. In view of the above and in order to avoid accidents during the static test required by section 6.1.2.5.1 of the LSA Code, a proof load not less than 1.1 times the maximum working load may be applied when the launching appliances of ships constructed before the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1986 are tested.

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