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### TECHNICAL CIRCULAR

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#### **Alternative Methods for Lifeboat Drills on Mobile Offshore Units (MOUs)**

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The International Maritime Organization (IMO) amended §14.13.4 of the 2009 Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU Code) to allow for an alternative means of meeting the §14.13.4.2 requirement for lifeboats to be launched and maneuvered with assigned operating crew on onboard at least once every three (3) months. This amendment added §14.13.4.3 as follows:

*alternatively, the provisions regarding launching and maneuvering may be considered as having been met for those units that have, (a) implemented the Guidelines developed by the Organization and they are included in the unit's operating procedures or, (b) by other equivalent means acceptable to the Administrator.*

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") allows these alternative means of compliance in accordance with §2.0, below.

## **2.0 Review and Acceptance of Alternative Means**

- 2.1 The Administrator authorizes its Recognized Organizations (ROs) to review and accept programs by operators seeking to utilize the §14.13.4.3 provisions.
- 2.2 Such programs may be found acceptable by the RO if they meet the requirements of RMI Marine Notice 7-041-7.
- 2.3 Upon acceptance of the program, the RO shall place the below notation on the MODU Safety Certificate indicating that the unit has satisfied the requirements of §14.13.4.3 of the 2009 MODU Code in that it has implemented an acceptable alternative to the requirements of §14.13.4.2.

*This unit employs an alternative method which has been reviewed and found to satisfy the requirements regarding launching and maneuvering of lifeboats with the assigned operating crew on board as provided for in §14.13.4.3 of the 2009 MODU Code.*