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Reg. immersion suits and winterization

Dear Sir


DNV does not currently offer type approval for winterized lifesaving appliances as there are no standards developed for it.

Lifesaving appliances shall be approved by the administration (SOLAS III/4.1). In order to be approved the lifesaving appliances need to be tested and approved according to the requirements given in LSA Code and IMO Res. MSC 81(70) as amended. DNV Type Approval Certificates are issued based on the above and accepted by administrations for which DNV is a recognized organization.

The additional class notations Winterization Cold (t1, t2) and Winterization Arctic (t1, t2) require insulated immersion suits (DNV Rules for Ships, January 2013 Pt.5 Ch.1 Sec.6 C308). Type approved insulated immersion suits will satisfy this requirement. However considering that a type approved immersion suit is not approved for storage below - 30 deg. C, this means that the suits cannot be stored in exposed positions without ensuring that the minimum storage temperature will remain below -30 deg. C, e.g. by heating in cabinet or storage indoors.

The above means that unless the administration has any additional requirement related to the insulated immersion suits for vessels operating in cold climates, a valid type approval for an insulated immersion suit will be acceptable for such vessels.

Yours faithfully
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