



Merchant Shipping Directorate



WINCHES FOR SURVIVAL CRAFT AND RESCUE BOATS

Information Notice 48

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

The Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to an equipment defect in relation to DW34F Electric Boat Winches manufactured by Zhenjinag DH Marine Equipment Co., Ltd, (item: MED/1.41 a, d) covered by Certificate No.2020-031-MED.

Particular attention is drawn to malfunctions in the design equipment, which could expose risks of serious injuries during lifeboat and rescue boat launching exercises. To this effect, it is strongly advised to follow caution whilst carrying drills, as required in terms of the provisions of the SOLAS Convention Chapter III Reg.19, without any person on board during the lowering and rising phases.

Should any such equipment be found onboard Malta flagged vessels, it shall be immediately communicated to this Directorate and the vessel's class, to establish an action plan for the replacement of such equipment.

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