



Risk Assessment Solutions

## **“Prevent, Don’t Cure”**

### **Circular 03/01/14**

***Subject: Lifeboat equipment – Drinking water, Important Safety/PSC Issue!***

Case: Recently, a cargo vessel faced difficulties during a Port State Control inspection, when the Port State Control Inspectors, while inspecting the lifeboats, raised queries for the total quantity of drinking water with which the lifeboats were equipped with. During interview with the crew members the PSC Officers found that the crew was not familiar with the LSA requirements. Finally, the following deficiency was imposed:

“The drinking water in both L/B does not meet the requirements”

#### **Analysis**

In connection to the above, and in order to assist our clients to prevent similar cases, kindly note that the Life Saving Appliances Code, reads:

#### *Lifeboat equipment*

*.....water tight receptacles containing a total of 3 l of fresh water for each person the lifeboat is permitted to accommodate, of which either 1 l per person may be replaced by desalting apparatus capable of producing an equal amount of fresh water in two days or 2 l per person may be replaced by a manually powered reverse-osmosis desalinators, as described in paragraph 4.4.7.5, capable of producing an equal amount of fresh water in two days.*

Our company is offering a wide range of 'deficiencies', case studies, clarification on the PSC deficiencies through our PSC seminar which is delivered on regular intervals in our office or in-house, at client's request.

To assist further, we offer our clients the service of assessing onboard or through “Distance Assessment” if a vessel is in conformance with the MLC 2006 requirements or conducting inspections equivalent to PSC/Flag/Rightship inspections to detect and prevent unpleasant occurrences!

We remain at your disposal for more details,

#### **Prevention at Sea**

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