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indicating lights for life-saving
appliances — Testing, inspection and
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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard is intended for use in conjunction with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Life-Saving Appliances (LSA) Code, and related IMO instruments, to assess the conformity of the production of various types of approved position-indicating lights with the relevant IMO requirements.

Some of the provisions of this International Standard exceed the IMO requirements, in that the IMO *Recommendation on Testing of Life-Saving Appliances* [Resolution A.689(17), as amended through Res. MSC.81(70)], does not provide any specific requirements for testing and inspection of production units. However, Part 2 of that document does require manufacturers to institute a quality control procedure to ensure that life-saving appliances are produced to the same standard as the prototype approved by the maritime safety administration, and to keep records of any production tests carried out.

This International Standard specifies procedures that meet the above requirements; thus by following these, manufacturers will be able to demonstrate compliance with the IMO recommendation.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies production tests and inspections, and marking requirements for position-indicating lights used in conjunction with various items of life-saving equipment, including survival craft interior lights. Specifically, it applies to position-indicating lights which have been type approved by or on behalf of a national maritime safety administration, to the requirements of the International Maritime Organization LSA Code, for use in ships subject to the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 (as amended). The basic principles may also be considered suitable for position-indicating lights manufactured to other than the IMO requirements.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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IMO Res. A.689(17), as amended through IMO Res. MSC.81(70), *Revised Recommendation on Testing of Life-Saving Appliances*, International Maritime Organization

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

lot

unit of production that, as far as practicable, consists of production units of a single type, class, size and composition, manufactured under the same conditions, and at substantially the same time

3.2

ambient temperature

temperature of $20\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$

3.3

fresh water

water with a conductivity not greater than $1\,800\ \mu\text{S}$

3.4

seawater

artificial seawater made up to a dilution of 3,5 % by volume of dissolved sodium chloride and fresh water

4 General

4.1 Manufacturing standards

4.1.1 Manufacturers shall have in place a manufacturing quality control system sufficient to ensure that series production units are manufactured according to substantially the same production methods, from the same materials and according to the same quality standards as the prototypes tested for approval by or on behalf of a national maritime safety administration.

NOTE 1 Clause 4 is not intended to inhibit refinements of manufacturing processes, which do not adversely affect the end product.

NOTE 2 Compliance with a quality management system such as ISO 9001:2000 is recommended.

4.1.2 Recommended production testing and inspection procedures constituting an effective manufacturing quality control system are contained in Annex A.

4.1.3 The maximum number of production units in a production lot shall be 1 000 units or one week's production, whichever is less. In the case that the manufacturing process/system is in accordance with ISO 9001:2000, the maximum production lot quantity may be raised to 5 000 units or one week's production, whichever is less.

4.2 Visual appearance and craftsmanship

Position-indicating lights used as life-saving appliances shall be free from imperfections of manufacture that affect their appearance, or that may affect their serviceability.

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4.3 Marking

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4.3.1 General

Each production unit shall be clearly and indelibly marked by the manufacturer with the following information:

- a) type or model identification, including intended use;
- b) identification and relevant approval mark of approving administration(s), and any operational restrictions;
- c) date of manufacture;
- d) date of expiry;
- e) manufacturer's name or trademark;
- f) lot number, or other means of identifying the production lot from which the unit was taken;
- g) clear operating instructions in word or diagram form;
- h) if the power source is a lithium battery, the words 'LITHIUM BATTERY' in block capitals, followed by

DO NOT INCINERATE / DO NOT RECHARGE / DO NOT TAMPER

NOTE Lights containing lithium or other batteries that have not undergone special testing for designation as "Non-Hazardous" may require additional special markings for transportation.

4.3.2 Marking of date of expiry

4.3.2.1 The date of expiry marked on the product shall be based on the service life demonstrated or documented by the manufacturer to obtain approval, and shall not exceed the date of expiry of the battery installed in it. In the case of a light with a replaceable battery, the battery shall be marked with a date of expiry, and the unit markings shall include space for a user to mark the date of expiry of the battery when installed.

4.3.2.2 The date of expiry of a battery used in a position-indicating light shall not exceed 50 % of the service life of the battery. The service life of the battery shall be as established by the battery manufacturer, taking the following losses into account at ambient temperature:

- a) testing, as recommended by the manufacturer or as required by the regulatory authority, whichever is the more stringent;
- b) self-discharge of the battery pack;
- c) standby loads, if any.

4.4 Documentation

The manufacturer shall maintain complete product documentation, including as a minimum all prototype and production test reports and production drawings, for a minimum of ten years after each lot production.

5 Performance

5.1 General

Representative samples of production position-indicating lights and/or their components shall comply with the requirements of Clause 5 when tested according to the specified test procedures in Clause 6. Annex A contains guidelines for size and selection of samples.

5.2 Lifejacket lights

5.2.1 Watertightness integrity

When tested in accordance with 6.1.1, each unit shall remain watertight after being submerged under 300 mm of fresh water for 24 h.

5.2.2 Switch operation or pull-off force

When tested in accordance with 6.1.2, the force required to move a manual switch to the ON and OFF positions — or in the case of seawater cell batteries, the pull-off force required to remove the buttons from the case — shall be within the tolerances established by the manufacturer.

5.2.3 Operational life

5.2.3.1 When tested in accordance with 6.1.3 in each of seawater at $-1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, seawater at $+30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and fresh water at ambient temperature, all units shall illuminate within 2 min and reach the minimum required voltage within 5 min, and the lights shall continue to produce sufficient voltage to produce a luminous intensity of greater than 0,75 cd in all directions of the upper hemisphere for 8 h.

5.2.3.2 The testing in fresh water at ambient temperature need not be carried out for dry-activated power sources where the contacts do not come into contact with water.

5.2.3.3 In the case of seawater cell devices, the ambient fresh water samples may be allowed 10 min to attain full voltage.

5.2.3.4 If the light is a flashing light, the flash rate shall be between 50 and 70 flashes per minute during the entire test period.