

Instruction to Class – IMO Resolution MSC.402(96)

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Maritime NZ has issued this ‘Instruction to Class’ to provide detailed information to Recognised Organisations about specific requirements in New Zealand’s implementation of IMO Resolution MSC.402(96) and Maritime Rule 42A.32A.

1. General functions under the MTA and Maritime Rule 42A.32A

Recognised Organisations (ROs) have been issued with a delegation relating to functions within the Maritime Transport Act 1994 and Maritime Rule 42A.32A. The delegated function is to authorise a person¹ to perform an examination, operational testing, repair, or overhaul of equipment², if that person meets the requirements for service providers in IMO resolution MSC.402(96). The above function must be exercised in accordance with regulation 20 of Chapter III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974. IMO resolution MSC.402(96) also requires that service providers be initially and periodically audited.

2. Communicating with Maritime NZ

Recognised Organisations must inform Maritime NZ following the authorisation of a service provider. The following information should be shared with Maritime NZ:

- name of service provider
- contact details for service provider
- contact person at service provider
- scope of authorized services (e.g. makes and types of equipment)
- address for service provider
- authorisation expiry date.

Please email the above information to operators@maritimenz.govt.nz within 10 working days of authorising a service provider. Recognised organisations must inform Maritime NZ of any service provider authorisations that it has withdrawn.

¹ The definition of ‘person’ includes entities such as companies.

² Equipment means lifeboats (including free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats and fast rescue boats; and launching appliances and on-load and off-load release gear for lifeboats (including primary and secondary means of launching appliances for free-fall lifeboats), rescue boats, fast rescue boats and davit-launched liferafts.

Compliance with the 'Instruction to Class' is a condition of the authorisation unless any deviation is approved by the Director of Maritime NZ.

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