

# Advisory Circular

## Part 49: Ships' Lifting Appliances

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### 1. General

Maritime Safety Authority Circulars are designed to give you assistance and explanations about the standards and requirements set out in the rules. However, the notes contained in Advisory Circulars should not be treated as a substitute for the rules themselves, which are the law.

Where a number such as 49.5 is referred to, this is a reference to a specific rule within Part 49.

### 2. ILO Convention requirements

Part 49 incorporates Articles 21 to 30 of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) *Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Convention, 1979 (No. 152)* requirements in respect of lifting appliances and gear carried on the ship. Other requirements of that convention, including lifting appliances and gear ashore, are found in the [Code of Practice for Health and Safety in Port Operations](#) published by the Occupational Safety and Health Service (OSH) of the Department of Labour under Section 20 of the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.<sup>1</sup>

Part 49 will, after it comes into force, replace the General Harbour (Safe Working Load) Regulations 1982.

### 3. Competent person

Rule 49.2 defines 'competent person' for the purposes of Part 49. Where the Director recognises a testing establishment or approves an international or national inspection agency for the purposes of this rule in respect of New Zealand ships, the scope of competency will be stated. For details of such recognition and approvals and of establishments/agencies so recognised/approved please contact the Manager, Ship Safety Management, Maritime Safety Authority, PO Box 27006, Wellington. Tel: 494 1225, Fax: 494 1263. Toll free: 0508 22 55 22.

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<sup>1</sup> It is anticipated that this will occur by mid-year 2001.

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#### 4. Tests, thorough examination and inspection

The following table summarises the rule requirements for testing and thoroughly examining lifting appliances –

	<b>Period</b>	<b>By whom</b>
Proof load test And Thorough examination	Initial After substantial alteration or repair Once in every 5 years	Competent person
Thorough examination	Once in every 12 months	Competent person

It is recommended that the lifting appliance be inspected by a responsible person before use.

The following table summarises the rule requirements for testing, thoroughly examining and inspecting loose cargo gear carried by the ship –

	<b>Period</b>	<b>By whom</b>
Proof load test And Thorough examination	Initial After substantial alteration or repair	Competent person
Thorough examination	Once in every 12 months	Competent person
Inspection	Before use	Responsible person

Definitions of 'thorough examination' and 'inspection' are given in Part 49.

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