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Life Saving Appliance/Equipment Inspection Request Procedures

The purpose of this advisory is to provide a standard for submitting an application for inspection and scheduling attendance to witness all required tests at different stages of life saving equipment production. All life saving equipment products are to be tested or inspected in the presence of a USCG Marine Inspector and meet the requirements of applicable standards in order to be approved and certified for installation on board U.S. flagged vessels in accordance with the Certificates of Approval. The manufacturer is to submit an application for inspection of any life saving equipment required to be tested or inspected in the presence of a USCG Marine Inspector.

- I. Procedures for approval:
 - Approvals for prototype equipment design are granted by Coast Guard Headquarters, Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division (Commandant (CG-5214)) (+1-202-267-1444). Inquiries regarding lifeboats and rescue boats can be sent to Mr. George Grills at George.G.Grills@uscg.mil. Inquiries regarding davits and winches can be sent to Ms. Brandi Baldwin at Brandi.A.Baldwin@uscg.mil.
- II. USCG Activities Far East will consider an approval for a production inspection request when:
 - The manufacturer has submitted a request for inspection at least 30 days prior to the proposed inspection date.
 - USCG Activities Far East is satisfied that provisions have been made for the inspection, testing and servicing of production line including inspection of manufacturer's quality control procedures.
- III. Submission for Inspection Request:
 - Submit all inspection requests by email to: feact@uscg.mil. The request shall include: type and model of approved equipment including quantity to be tested.
 - A proposed inspection schedule of events for all tests and procedures including the estimated duration of the inspection visits including lay-up, thickness/weighing and foaming for lifeboat production.
 - Requisition information in respect to order destination (hull names and numbers).

- A copy of all standardized Life-Saving Appliance Evaluation and Test Report Forms as per MSC/Circ.980 must be completed and submitted for the equipment being tested or inspected.

IV. USCG Activities Far East will:

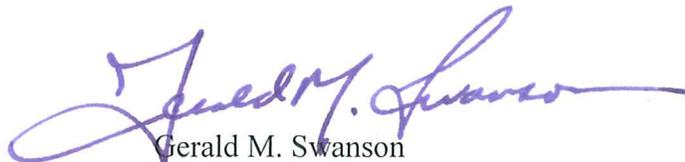
- Review the submission, provided the information is complete and within this advisory, approval will be granted. Failure to submit a proper inspection application may result in a request denial or delay.
- Once approval is granted for inspection, an Activity Number will be assigned along with an inspection team. An Activity Number will serve as the reference number for each piece of equipment to be tested. All subsequent communications regarding a particular equipment inspection or certification should be referenced by Activity Number.

V. Manufacturers are required to maintain the following records relating to the quality control and production tests carried out in accordance with the Regulations and LSA Code. Records include:

- Details of material purchased and used in the fabrication of the product.
- Date when production commenced and terminated, if production was not continuous.
- Test records of all components used in the production process.
- Records of all prototype tests including approved drawings and plans.
- Detailed description of any failures.
- Calibration reports for data collecting equipment (i.e. scales, time devices, ect.).
- Welder's qualifications.
- Welding procedures.

These records are to be made available for review upon attendance by a USCG Marine Inspector.

Please contact LTJG Kenneth McCain or ENS Jessica Navarro at +81 425-52 2511 ext 58405 or via e-mail at feact@uscg.mil with any questions or recommendations.



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