

CONSTRUCTION OF LADDERS

3. In general, the design and construction of fixed ladders should be in conformity with the requirements described in Proposed Recommendation on Safe Access to and Working in Large Tanks. However, arrangements and strength of ladders should be suitable for the types of cargo likely to be carried. In particular, having regard to the construction of the hold, and the nature of the cargoes carried, vertical ladders may be acceptable in bulk and combined carriers.

RESCUE AND EVACUATION ARRANGEMENTS

4. Equipment as specified in paragraph 4 of Proposed Recommendation on Safe Access to and Working in Large Tanks should be provided for the evacuation of injured personnel from cargo holds.

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SURVEY OF INFLATABLE LIFE-RAFTS

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

BEARING IN MIND that the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, recognized through Recommendation 23 that in the present state of development of inflatable life-rafts it is necessary to survey inflatable life-rafts at intervals of not more than one year,

NOTING that maintenance is the key to proper functioning of inflatable life-rafts,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its twenty-seventh session,

RESOLVES to recommend that Contracting Governments:

- (a) ensure that inflatable life-rafts are surveyed at twelve-month intervals, only by competent persons authorized by them;
- (b) ensure that satisfactory information regarding servicing facilities is made available to mariners;
- (c) keep under review the period between life-rafts surveys and make suitable recommendations to the Organization in the light of further experience.