

Circular 73 / 2013

To: Vessel Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties

Subject: BSH Safety Alerts - Recall of Safety Equipment (HRUs and Pyrotechnics)

Date: 13 August 2013

Summary

Germany's Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (the Bundesamt Für Seeschifffahrt (BSH)) has issued safety alerts regarding recalls of the following items.

'IKAROS' hand-held rocket parachute flare manufactured by Nammo LIAB AB (trade name Hansson Pyrotech).

The manufacturer reports the reason for the recall is that certain batches have been identified to have a small risk to their water-tightness under extreme conditions. The batches affected are numbers 1111011, 1111012, 1111013, 1111014, 1112001 and 1112002, delivered between November 2011 and February 2012. More information from the manufacturer can be found <u>here</u> or go to <u>http://www.hansson-pyrotech.se/highlight/security-statement-ikaros-parachute-rocket,-red/</u>

An example of the recalled products from a respective production lot is shown here:



'SANHO HRU' hydrostatic release units for liferafts and EPIRBS manufactured by FENERCI Denizcilik Egitim Dis. Tic. Ltd. Sti

According to BSH, the manufacturer has recalled specific batches (serial numbers C001 to C400) of this product because triggering in the prescribed water depth is not guaranteed in all cases. Therefore, a security risk cannot be excluded.

'HGS40-30000' rocket parachute flare, 'HGY60-15000' hand flare and 'CCY3-2' buoyant smoke signal produced by manufacturer Ningbo Zhenhua Life-saving Equipment Co. Ltd.



According to BSH, the manufacturer has recalled specific batches of these products (detailed in the table below) because full functionality is not guaranteed in all cases. Therefore, a security risk cannot be excluded.

	Rocket parachute flare HGS40-30000	Hand flare HGY-60- 15000	Buoyant smoke signal CCY3-2
Date of manufacture	03/2011	03/2012	03/2011
Expiration date	02/2014	02/2015	02/2014
Lot number	11-I-02-6	12-I-01-1	11-I-03-6

What should owners and operators do now?

Owners and operators should bring this information to the attention of their members, crews, surveyors and other relevant employees and parties so they can examine all such equipment to see if it is affected by these recalls. If any products are affected, BSH should be contacted at <u>marketsurveillance@bsh.de</u> or on +49 (0)40 31907110 and the products should be replaced. **More detailed information about all these product recalls is available on the BSH website** <u>here</u> or at <u>http://www.us1.list-</u>

manage.com/track/click?u=5bb0377ad3412af98d78d1985&id=dc5a645413&e=25da0d9fc5

For further information or clarification please contact the Registrar of Ships, a Deputy Registrar or Fleet Manager at Maritime Cook Islands; alternatively you may contact Maritime Cook Islands Head Office at +682 23848 Phone, +682 23846 Fax, <u>fleet@maritimecookislands.com</u>

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