

Summary Flag State Requirements

Requirement: MED - Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC

Explanation: The provisions of the European Union's "Council Directive 96/98/EC of 20 December 1996 on marine equipment", as last amended by "Commission Directive 2009/26/EC of 6 April 2009 amending Council Directive 96/98/EC on marine equipment", have to be fulfilled for all ships flying the flag of Member States of the European Union. Additional national requirements of the flag State may be available and should be followed.

Flag State	Special Requirements of the flag State
Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua and Barbuda accepts marine equipment products approved in conformity with the 'conformity assessment' procedure, delivered or fixed to Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships if accompanied by EC MED documentation including any manufacturer's Declaration of Conformity. (Reference: Letter of Department of Marine Services of 30th May 2002 / Ref. No.: pjc/cs/03.
Aruba (Netherlands)	A) The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of ships of the Kingdom of the Netherlands after 1st January, 1999. B) GL is authorized to test and issue conformity certificates for A1 equipment. For A2 equipment and other equipment requiring a type approval, GL may carry out prototype tests and Shipping Inspectorate of Aruba will issue the type approval certificate on basis of GL test reports.
Australia	AMSA accepts equipment on board of ships flying Australian flag according to Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC. When material or equipment a) is of novel nature b) specification or testing requirements are not fully developed and/or internationally agreed, or experience of their usage is limited c) has been subjected to significant design changes resulting from in-service experience d) does not meet an appropriate IMO/ISO/IEC/European Council Directive 96/98/EC Standard; then AMSA reserves the right to be consulted before accepting any approval issued by GL for any such item intended to be fitted on board an Australian registered ship.
Austria	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Austrian ships after 1st January, 1999.
Barbados	The Administration accepts the certification of the IACS member classification societies and any other body having appropriate recognition under the Marine Equipment Directive regarding the testing and certification of shipboard equipment for type approval. (Reference : E-mail from the Barbados Maritime Ship Registry of 15 September 2010, subject - Barbados flag acceptance of MED approval)
Belgium	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Belgian ships after 1 January 1999.
Bermuda	Bermuda's requirements are the same as those of the United Kingdom and with regards to equipment the EU Marine Equipment Directive will apply. (UK Requirement: The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of British ships after 1st January, 1999.)
Cayman Islands	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of ships flying Cayman Islands flag after 1st January, 1999.

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Cyprus	The EC directive has to be applied since 1st May, 2004 to equipment mounted on board of Cyprus ships. (Reference: Circular No.16/2004 of the Department of Merchant Shipping)
Czech Republic	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Czech ships since 1 May 2004.
Denmark	The European Union's Council Directive 96/98/EC on marine equipment, as amended, has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Danish ships after 1 January 1999. Danish National Regulations have to be observed. Please observe Agreement Annex II; page 10/13; item 70; Procedure C_STAT_DNK_MAR_EQUIPMENT should be observed.
Estonia	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Estonian ships since 1st May 2004 .
Faroe Islands	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Faroese ships after 1st January, 1999.
Finland	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Finnish ships after 1 January 1999.
France	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of French ships after 1st January, 1999.
Germany	Regarding equipment to be mounted on board of ships flying the flag of Germany, the Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC, as amended, has to be applied since 1 January 1999. Item 1.2.3 of the procedure C_STAT_DEU_STATUTORY SURVEYS has to be observed and followed.
Gibraltar	The Council Directive 96/98/EC has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Gibraltar-registered ships after 1 January 1999. Observe and follow procedure C_STAT_GIB_MED
Greece	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Greek ships after 1st January, 1999.
Hungary	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Hungarian ships since 1st May 2004 .
Iceland	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Icelandic ships after 1st January, 1999.
Ireland	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Irish ships after 1st January, 1999.
Isle of Man	Isle of Man is NOT a member state of the European Community. Therefore, EU Council Directive 96/98/EC is not implemented in the Manx law and so it does not apply to ships flying the Manx flag. The IoM Ship Registry generally accepts equipment certified in accordance with the directive but they would not insist upon it.

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Italy	<p>The Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC has been enforced by Presidential Decree 6 October 1999, n.407.</p> <p>After 1 January 1999, equipment listed in Annex A.1 that is placed on board of an Italian ship is to be EC marked.</p> <p>The equipment listed in Annex A.1, as been amended by M.D. 9/09/2003 No. 279, of the Decree and manufactured before 1 January 1999, may be placed on board of Italian ships within 31 December 2000, provided that it was type approved by the Italian Administration in accordance with the provisions of article 55 of Preseidential Decree 8 Novemeber 1991, n.435 (Regolamento di Sicurezza)and of Preseidential Decree 18 April 1994, n.437.</p> <p>The marine equipment included in the table of article 55 of the Regolamento di Sicurezza and in the Annex A.1 of the Decree is to be dealt with in accordance with the Decree.</p> <p>The marine equipment included in the table of article 55 of the Regolamento di Sicurezza and which is not included in Annex A.1 to the Decree is to be type approved by the Italian administration in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree 18 April 1994, n.347. For detailed questions GL Genova should be contacted.</p> <p>ATTENTION : For all ships under Italian flag, when a newbuilding or a ship in service is changing to the Italian flag, regardless of the type, a complete set of "MED-Approval Certificates" has to be maintained on board. All MED certificates / documents for the equipment on board have to be collected and placed in separate folders. The documents mentioned below shall be observed. (article 55 of Italian_Reg_Decree_No435_8Nov1991; List_Equipment_MED_DPR435_Art55)</p>
Latvia	<p>The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Latvian ships since 1st May 2004 .</p>
Lithuania	<p>The provisions of this EC directive (MED) have to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Lithuanian ships.</p>
Luxembourg	<p>The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of ships flying Luxembourg flag after 1st January, 1999.</p>
Malta	<p>A) The provisions of this EC directive (MED) have to be applied to Maltese ships (particularly to New Buildings).</p> <p>B) In the case that new equipment installed on board is not certified under MED the Administration may permit installation of such equipment provided that 1. the class society is a European Notified Body for the purposes of MED, 2. the class society is satisfied that the relevant equipment is equivalent to MED and 3. the class society issues a certificate confirming equivalency acc. to Article 8 (3) of the MED.</p> <p>(Reference: Fax from MMD dated 27 June 2001).</p>

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Netherlands	<p>A) The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of ships of the Kingdom of the Netherlands after 1st January, 1999.</p> <p>B) For A2 equipment and other equipment requiring a type approval, GL is authorized to carry out prototype tests. GL shall use standards provided by the Administration or equivalent standards which are satisfactory for the Administration. The Administration (IVW-DS Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate) will issue the type approval certificate on basis of GL test reports. (Ref.: Agreement, Annex 1, item 2.4.5)</p> <p>C) Information received on forged MED certificates for Fire Fighter's Outfit: -For the Fire Fighter's Outfit - protective clothing - type "STARK" manufactured by TACCONI S.p.a. - Italy the correct EC Type Examination (Module B) Certificate Nr. CCE 108800 was issued on October, 16, 2000 and is valid until October, 15, 2005. Forged similar certificates were discovered. They show as date of issue October, 16, 2003 and as date of validity October, 15, 2008. -For the Fire Fighter's Outfit - protective clothing - type "STARK Cod. 49335" manufactured by TACCONI S.p.a. - Italy forged EC Type Examination (Module B) Certificates were discovered. These forged EC Type Examination (Module B) Certificates show NR. MED467205CS, were issued on March, 9, 2007 and are valid until March 8, 2012 and are signed by Paolo Salza.</p> <p>(Reference: E-Mail of 5 October 2007 from Mr. Lakemann of Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate)</p>
Netherlands Antilles	<p>A) The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of ships of the Kingdom of the Netherlands after 1st January, 1999.</p> <p>B) GL is authorized to test and issue conformity certificates for A1 equipment. For A2 equipment and other equipment requiring a type approval, GL may carry out prototype tests and Shipping Inspectorate Netherlands Antilles will issue the type approval certificate on basis of GL test reports.</p>
Norway (NIS)	<p>A) The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Norwegian ships after 1st January, 1999. Verification during surveys that the said equipment has been marked in accordance with the Directive is required. B) Verification that equipment included in the Directive but not marked as prescribed by the Directive are approved and marked in accordance with recognized equivalent international standards. C) Other equipment not included in the Directive is required to be approved acc. to International Conventions.</p>
Panama	<p>Panama does accept type approvals for equipment or appliances installed on board provided it has been certified in accordance with the Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC by any EC notified body if such equipment or appliances are also approved in accordance with the relevant convention and when compliance with the appropriate standards has been verified by IACS members through a documentation review before the equipment is fitted on board. (Ref.: Fax PMA dd. 2001-04-09)</p>
Poland	<p>The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Polish ships since 1st May 2004 .</p>
Portugal	<p>The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Portuguese ships after 1st January, 1999.</p>

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Portugal (MAR)	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Portuguese ships after 1st January, 1999.
Romania	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Romanian ships since 1st January 2007.
Singapore	<p>Life-saving appliances and fire-fighting equipment approved by any of the classification societies recognized by MPA in accordance with MED and marked accordingly are acceptable for use on Singapore-flagged ships regardless of the class society surveying and issuing the statutory safety certificates, unless the class society issuing the statutory safety certificates has reason to believe that an equipment so approved are lacking in the approval process or not in compliance with standards that are required of the equipment.</p> <p>(Reference : Letter from MPA dated 1 December 2008, EC Marine Equipment Directive (MED) Application for Singapore Flag)</p>
Slovakia	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Slovakian ships since 1 May 2004.
Slovenia	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Slovenian ships since 1 May 2004.
Spain	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Spanish ships after 1st January, 1999.
Sweden	The EC directive has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of Swedish ships after 1st January, 1999.
United Kingdom	<p>The Council Directive 96/98/EC has to be applied to equipment mounted on board of United Kingdom-registered ships after 1 January 1999.</p> <p>Procedure C_STAT_GBR_MED has to be observed and followed.</p>