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Subject: "E.U. Marine Equipment Directive: 5th Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1158 entered into force on 25 August 2021"

Summary: The current Technical Service Circular reports upon the 5th Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1158 amending the Marine Equipment Directive (MED) 2014/90/EU indicating the design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for marine equipment.

1. As per existing E.U. legislation marine equipment can only be installed on board ships flying the flag of an EU country, Norway, Iceland and other flag states if it is marked with the MED mark of conformity, also known as the "wheel mark".

2. The 5th Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1158[1] amending the Marine Equipment Directive (MED) 2014/90/EU, as published in the O.J. of the E.U., indicates the design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for concrete marine equipment. The recently published regulation is replacing the former 4th Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1170 and entered into force on 25 August 2021.

3. According to the requirements of the relevant E.U. legislation & established practice marine equipment manufacturers need to have valid MED certification to be allowed to place their products on the European market. The conformity of the respective products (marine equipment) is confirmed by the manufacturer at the end of the production phase by affixing the wheel mark on the product and issuing the "Declaration of Conformity".

4. INTECA works with its clients to capture high quality deployment across their entire operational context and supply chain. Conformity Assessment services for materials and marine equipment leading to compliance certification with the "wheel mark" logo (Directive 2014/90/ EU on marine equipment) represents one of our priority business strategy objectives in close collaboration with our established business partners".

[1] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R1158&rid=5