

Chapter 19

Inspection and maintenance requirements

19.1 The Administration should be satisfied with the operator's organisation or any organisation on which he may call in the maintenance of his craft and should specify the scope of the duties which any part of the organisation may carry out having regard to the number and competence of its staff, facilities available, arrangements for calling on specialist assistance should it be necessary, record-keeping, communication and allocation of responsibilities.

19.2 The craft and equipment should be maintained to the satisfaction of the Administration, in particular:

- .1 routine preventive inspection and maintenance should be performed to a schedule approved by the Administration, which should have regard at least in the first instance to the manufacturer's schedule;
- .2 in the performance of maintenance tasks, due regard should be paid to maintenance manuals, service bulletins acceptable to the Administration and to any additional instructions of the Administration in this respect;
- .3 all modifications should be recorded and their safety aspects investigated. Where it could have any effect on safety, the modification, together with its installation, should be to the satisfaction of the Administration;
- .4 appropriate arrangements should be provided for informing the master of the serviceability state of his craft and its equipment;
- .5 the duties of the operating crew in respect of maintenance and repairs and the procedure for obtaining assistance with repairs when the craft is away from the base port should be clearly defined;
- .6 the master should report to the maintenance organisation any defects and repairs which are known to have occurred during operations;
- .7 records of defects and their correction should be maintained and those defects of recurrent nature, or those which adversely affect craft or personal safety, should be reported to the Administration.

19.3 The Administration should be satisfied that arrangements are provided for ensuring adequate inspection, maintenance and recording of all life-saving appliances and distress signals carried.