

# SAFETY ALERT - TECHNICAL No. 6

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## LIFEBOATS

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The Hong Kong Marine Department has brought to our attention that [lifeboats manufactured by Sea Industrial Co of Taiwan](#) have been found to have a design fault in the structure and holding arrangements.

Fixing plates which attach the suspension gear to the lifeboat are detaching through corrosion.

Owners of vessels equipped with lifeboats from this manufacturer should:

**SEEK** technical assistance to look into the structure and holding arrangements.

**MAINTENANCE** thorough examination of the release gear should be carried out by specially trained people and certified personnel.

**TRAINING** the training of the operating crew should be assessed as the release gear has been found to be of mechanical complexity and the instructions provided lack clearance.