



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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Shipping Community  
Harbour Craft Community

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR PONTOONS USED AS TEMPORARY LANDING PLATFORMS**

1 The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore requires all pontoons used as temporary landing platforms (termed as temporary landing pontoons) to be certified fit for the intended purpose by any one of the nine authorised Classification Societies. The term "temporary landing pontoon" is described as:-

*" A temporary landing pontoon is a flat-bottomed boat, barge or lighter or a floating platform, of any material, temporarily used by passengers or any other persons, as a walkway from a vessel to a landing place or vice versa and from one vessel to another vessel. "*

2 As safety of life is involved even in the temporary use of such structures, MPA requires owners of pontoons used as temporary landing platforms to -

- (a) have the pontoon certified fit for the intended purpose by any one of the nine Classification Societies appointed by the Minister for Communications under the Merchant Shipping Act; and
- (b) apply to the Port Master's Department, MPA, together with the submission of the Certificate of Fitness as issued by the respective Classification Society, for approval to use.

3 The nine authorised Classification Societies are as follows:-

- (a) American Bureau of Shipping
- (b) Bureau Veritas
- (c) China Classification Society
- (d) Det Norske Veritas
- (e) Germanischer Lloyd
- (f) Korean Register of Shipping
- (g) Lloyd's Register of Shipping
- (h) Nippon Kaiji Kyokai
- (i) Registro Italiano Navale

4 Former Port Marine Circular No. 20 of 1993 is hereby cancelled.

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