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Clause: 6.2 t) & 7 e)

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Question:

EN ISO 12402-2:2020 to EN ISO 12402-5:2020 includes requirements for the manufacturer to state the expected servicing interval and a space for servicing dates. This is to be marked on the product, and to be included in the information supplied by the manufacturer as follows:

Marking, Clause 6.2 t) the expected servicing interval assuming average use, and a space for servicing dates to be marked, including additional items (gas bottles, bobbins, retroreflective tapes, etc.) and their replacement.

Information supplied by the manufacturer, Clause 7 e) a description of any spare parts and their replacement, instructions for servicing, maintenance, and packing, if applicable.

Do these clauses apply to all types of PFD?

Solution:

Yes, but in the case of a level 50 inherently buoyant PFD, where the manufacturer states that servicing is not required during the product life (i.e. due to a short product life/simple design) this servicing information may be excluded.

In cases such as this, it is not deemed necessary to include a space for servicing dates on the product markings and in the information supplied by the manufacturer. However, the manufacturer must include clear instructions for the end user to visually inspect the product prior to use, and to include information and guidance on how to inspect for damage and when it is necessary to replace during its limited lifespan.

This exemption must not be applied for any level 50 inflatable PFDs or special application level 50 PFDs in accordance with EN ISO 12402-6:2020.