

Service of non-SOLAS Lifejackets Employer Responsibilities

The requirements for the maintenance of lifejackets for employers are stated in [PPER 1992 § 7](#);

“Every employer shall ensure that any personal protective equipment provided to their workers is maintained (including replaced or cleaned as appropriate) in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair.”

Requirements for vessels are governed by [MGN 553 \(M+F\)](#)

Lifejackets “should be serviced in accordance with the original equipment manufacturer’s (manufacturer) instructions.”

Maintenance intervals

Ki Elements recommends that lifejackets in commercial use are serviced annually.

Lifejackets intended for leisure use can be serviced every 2nd year.

Periodic checks on top of the yearly service are not required.

Competent persons

[HSE book](#), guidance 61 stipulates that:

“Such examinations should be carried out by appropriately trained staff.”

In order to be considered competent, persons must have undergone service technician training by KI Elements.