

CLIA INDUSTRY STANDARD

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES FOR INFANTS ONBOARD CRUISE SHIPS

The Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) is an industry trade association consisting of most of the large passenger cruise lines that call at major ports in the United States and abroad. CLIA is dedicated to ensuring that the cruise industry provides a safe, healthy, and secure ship environment for all passengers and crew. CLIA member lines work closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and flag and port states to develop and enhance international maritime safety initiatives.

CLIA member vessel operators strive to provide a safe environment for every person onboard their cruise ships. Therefore, as an industry standard practice, each CLIA member will provide a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each infant carried onboard its cruise ships. An infant PFD is one that is specifically developed for an infant that is too small for a child's lifejacket.

CLIA and the U.S. Coast Guard recognize that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has only recently adopted rules and guidelines with regards to approval standards and requirements for carriage of infant lifejackets. Therefore, other lifejackets approved for infant use, such as USCG Type II lifejackets and aviation approved infant baby cots, may be utilized in meeting this standard until such time as the IMO regulation becomes effective and infant PFD's meeting the IMO requirements are available. These PFD's are to be carried in addition to any SOLAS or US Coast Guard requirements and are not meant to replace or be substituted for any required life saving appliances.

Parents of infants traveling onboard CLIA member cruise ships will be informed of the availability of infant life jackets and the shipboard procedure for distribution and assistance in their use.

Designated crewmembers onboard each ship will receive training regarding infant PFDs and will be assigned to distribute them as appropriate and to assist parents of infants in their use.

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Effective Date: Cruise line members previously associated with ICCL agreed to implement this standard not later than July 1, 2001. CLIA members not previously party to this industry standard have agreed to implement this standard not later than [July 1, 2007 concurrent with the implementation of the SOLAS revised regulation.]