



Technical Circular

No.: 009/2025

Date: 6th February 2025

Subject: Voluntary recall notice concerning Rocket Parachute Flares
Type: KP-16 manufactured by Kokusai Kakoh Co., Ltd.

1. The manufacturer of Rocket Parachute Flares, Ms. Kokusai Kakoh Co., Ltd. (Japan) has issued a recall notice for the Type KP-16 Rocket Parachute Flares, manufactured between February, 2021 and July, 2024 due to performance concerns.
2. The manufacturer is voluntarily offering to replace the Rocket Parachute Flares KP-16 with Comet Red Parachute Signal Rocket made by WesCom Signal & Rescue outside of Japan.
3. Owners/ managers of vessels equipped with the concerned Rocket Parachute Flares are advised to take note of above and follow the instructions from Kokusai Kakoh Co., Ltd. as available on their website at <https://www.kokusaikakohco.jp/kp-16en.html> for replacement of the concerned products.

Enclosure:

1. Voluntary recall notice Concerning Rocket Parachute Flares (Type:KP-16) by Kokusai Kakoh Co., Ltd.



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To whom it may concern

RE: Voluntary recall notice

Concerning Rocket Parachute Flares (Type:KP-16)

Regarding the Rocket Parachute Flares KP-16 manufactured by Kokusai Kakoh Co., Ltd., (Japan), we, Kokusai Kakoh, hereby issue a recall for the above item due to performance concerns.

We will be voluntarily offering to replace the Rocket Parachute Flares KP-16 with Comet Red Parachute Signal Rocket made by WesCom Signal & Rescue outside of Japan.

If you have any samples of the Rocket Parachute Flares KP-16, please contact the nearest comet distributors for WesCom Signal & Rescue. These can be found at <https://comet-marine.com/find-a-distributor/>

1 . Items

Rocket Parachute Flares Type: KP-16 (made by Kokusai Kakoh Co., Ltd.)

2 . Subject to Manufacturing date

February, 2021 to July, 2024

3 . Issue

There are some concerns regarding the specified altitude and burning time when fired.

※Under normal storage conditions, there is no possibility of ignition or spontaneous combustion.

4 . Replacement

COMET Red Parachute Signal Rocket / MED Approval (Art.No.9163100)

5 . How to replace

Please see the instructions on our website. (<https://www.kokusai-kakoh.co.jp/kp-16en.html>)

*Instructions (for outside of Japan)



*Rocket Parachute Flares KP-16 Replacement Request Form



We sincerely apologize for all inconveniences caused.
Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

KOKUSAI KAKOH CO., LTD.