

## One Year Adoption Period for Updated IMCA DESIGN Suite Documents

Members are advised that a number of revised IMCA DESIGN suite documents are about to be published. They are:

- IMCA D 018 Rev. 2 - *Code of practice for the initial and periodic examination, testing and certification of diving plant and equipment*
- IMCA D 024 Rev. 3 - *DESIGN for saturation (bell) diving systems*
- IMCA D 063 - *DESIGN for Hyperbaric Rescue Unit (HRU) Life Support Packages (LSP)*
- IMCA D 069 - *Guidance on the Systematic Assessment of Control Systems in Automated Diving Plant and Equipment*

Where appropriate, each new DESIGN suite document will be accompanied by the publication of an IMCA Information Note summarising the changes that were made during the revision process.

As the revised DESIGN guidelines are published, each of the new documents will not compulsorily replace the previous versions for a period of up to one year. After a year has elapsed, the older version of each document will be withdrawn, and members will be expected to comply with the latest revisions.

During the year of overlap, IMCA Members may choose to comply with DESIGN by meeting the requirements of either the old or the new versions of IMCA D 018 and the other DESIGN suite documents (both versions will be available to Members on the IMCA website).

This arrangement is intended to give IMCA members a suitable period of time to make appropriate adjustments to their diving plant and equipment and to their equipment management arrangements so as to facilitate full compliance with the new DESIGN documents once the old versions have been withdrawn.

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