



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service, 2023, ND No. 2-020101-012-E

Item(s) of supervision:

ships and offshore installations in service

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope"

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the RS surveyors, interested organizations and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.
 2. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter when performing surveys of ships and offshore installations in service requested on or after 01.05.2023.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part II: paras 4.10.1.6, 4.10.4.5 and 4.10.7.2

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**Information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter
(for inclusion in the Revision History to the RS Publication)**

Nos.	Amended paras/chapters/ sections	Information on amendments	Number and date of the Circular Letter	Entry-into-force date
1	Part II, para 4.10.1.6	New para has been introduced containing requirements of Flag State MA for laid-up ships	210-04-1923c of 14.04.2023	01.05.2023
2	Part II, para 4.10.4.5	Para has been deleted	210-04-1923c of 14.04.2023	01.05.2023
3	Part II, para 4.10.7.2	Requirements for survey of laid-up ships have been specified	210-04-1923c of 14.04.2023	01.05.2023

RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS IN SERVICE, 2023,

ND No. 2-020101-012-E

PART II. SURVEY SCHEDULE AND SCOPE

4 OTHER SURVEYS

1 **New para 4.10.1.6** is introduced reading as follows:

"**4.10.1.6** Notification of Flag State MA (except the RF) and fulfillment of additional MA requirements concerning the ship to be laid up, is the responsibility of the shipowner."

2 **Para 4.10.4.5** is deleted.

3 **Para 4.10.7.2** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.10.7.2** Survey of the ship hull shall consist of:

.1 overall examination of maintaining the items of the RS technical supervision in a condition that ensures the safety of the ship, persons on board and the environment, structural and watertight/weathertight integrity. Special attention shall be given to the following items of technical supervision:

- hull structures, superstructures, deckhouses, machinery and boiler casings;
- structure of cargo holds, ballast tanks (ballast tanks which, for stability of the laid-up ship, contain some ballast, shall be examined according to the schedule of their consecutive drainage for provision of adequate stability of the ship), dry and void spaces;
- coamings of cargo and companion hatches, companionways, ventilators and air pipes;
- hatch covers of freeboard decks and superstructures including cargo hatch covers;
- funnel casings;
- skylights, flush deck, side and non-opening scuttles, companion ladders;
- closures of openings in the outer contour;
- deck and bulkhead penetrations in watertight structures;
- scuppers and other drainage holes;
- gangways and underdeck passages;
- guard rails and bulwarks;
- bow, side, stern doors and ramps and inner doors of ro-ro ships;
- devices to ensure the watertightness of hatch covers and other closures of openings in the outer counter, with operational testing;
- structures of main and auxiliary machinery spaces, refrigerating machinery spaces and boiler spaces, coal bunkers, shaft tunnels.

Where extensive corrosion exists, or when considered necessary by the RS surveyor, residual thicknesses measurements shall be carried out. If the results of these measurements indicate that substantial corrosion is found, then the extent of residual thickness measurements shall be increased to determine areas of substantial corrosion. All required thickness measurements shall be carried out before the survey is credited as completed. Thicknesses measurements in areas of substantial corrosion identified at previous surveys may be waived at periodical surveys of laid-up ship provided the areas with such corrosion are covered with protective coating and in case of satisfactory results of their close-up survey.

Where the damage, found on the structures mentioned above, is isolated and of a localized nature which does not affect the ship's structural integrity, the RS surveyor may agree upon the performance of temporary repair to restore watertight or weathertight integrity and impose a condition of class to carry out thorough repair within a specific time limit in accordance with Annex 17 to the Guidelines;

- .2 verification of load line marking;
- .3 verification of implementation of safety measures during lay-up as specified in 4.10.3.5."