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FOR THE CLASSIFICATION
AND OTHER ACTIVITY

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The present Rule Change Notice to the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity of Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (hereinafter — RCN) has been approved in accordance with the established approval procedure and contains information on amendments and additions, except for editorial amendments. RCN amendments come into force on 1 January 2024.

REVISION HISTORY

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Paras/Chapters/Sections	Item(s)/Type(s) of supervision and their particulars	Information on amendments	Remarks/References
Para 1.1.1	Ships Alternative design and arrangements	Definition has been extended with the possibility of its application when permitted by the international conventions and codes	
	Ships in service Alteration (modification) and modernization	Definitions have been amended. Compared to alteration (modification), modernization is defined as a change affecting ship principal characteristics and/or structural parameters	
	Ships and offshore installations Definition "Conversion of a ship of substantial nature or major conversion"	The necessity to determine the nature of conversion by the RS Head Office has been deleted	
Para 1.3.3	Ships in service Application of the RS rules at the acceptance of ships into the RS class	The heading has been specified	
Para 1.3.3.1	Ships in service Application of the RS rules at the acceptance of ships into the RS class	The application of the RS rules for the classification and construction and the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service at the acceptance of ships into the RS class has been specified	

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Paras/Chapters/Sections	Item(s)/Type(s) of supervision and their particulars	Information on amendments	Remarks/References
Para 1.3.3.2.2	Ships in service Application of the RS rules at the acceptance of ships into the RS class	The application of the RS rules for the classification and construction at the acceptance of ships into the RS class has been specified	
Para 1.3.3.2.3	Ships in service Determination of the class notation at the acceptance of ships into the RS class	Para has been amended regarding the responsibility of the RS Branch Office, which is authorized to perform the survey associated with the acceptance of a ship into the RS class	

1 GENERAL

1.1 DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Para 1.1.1. Definition "Alternative design and arrangements" is replaced by the following text:

"Alternative design and arrangements ~~are means~~ application of new alternative design and arrangements ~~not mentioned in the classification requirements of the RS rules which deviate from prescriptive requirements of the RS rules and/or international conventions and codes,~~ and ~~approval are approved~~ on the basis of an engineering analysis confirming that such alternative design and arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that stipulated by ~~the RS requirements~~ the RS rules and/or international conventions and codes.".

Definitions "Alteration or modification" and "Modernization" are replaced by the following text:

"Alteration or modification is a change that does not affect the ship principal characteristics and/or structural parameters, including changes to bring the ship into compliance with mandatory RS requirements, without which further operation is impossible.

Modernization is a set of operations that affect the ship principal characteristics and/or structural parameters, to modify the structure of a ship (ship's element) and that involve alteration of the ship (ship's element) structure to improve performance characteristics, ~~to align it with~~ to bring the ship into compliance with the new RS requirements.".

Definition "Conversion of a ship of substantial nature or major conversion" is replaced by the following text:

"Conversion of a ship of substantial nature or major conversion is a conversion of a ship or its part which alters its type, purpose, ship principal characteristics and/or structural parameters (such as dimensions, gross tonnage, weight characteristics, freeboard, power output of the main propulsion installation, passenger capacity, cargo carrying capacity, etc.) or which substantially prolongs the ship service life, and such alterations lead to the necessity to apply the RS requirements to the ship or its separate parts that have not been applied to the ship prior to the commencement of such conversion. In analyzing the Nature of conversion (major/minor), the definitions given in the applicable international conventions and/or codes shall also be considered ~~is determined by the RS Head Office (RHO) in each particular case.~~".

1.3 RULES

Para 1.3.3. The heading is replaced by the following text:

"1.3.3 Application of rules to ships in service ~~(except for the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service).~~"

Para 1.3.3.1 is replaced by the following text:

"1.3.3.1 ~~To ships in service to be classed by the Register for the first time, unless expressly provided otherwise~~ The requirements of the RS rules for the classification and

construction effective from the date of build of the ship, shall ~~apply~~ be applied to ships in service to be classed by the Register for the first time, unless expressly provided otherwise. For surveys, there shall be applied the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service effective for the date of ship submission for survey."

Paras 1.3.3.2.2 and 1.3.3.2.3 are replaced by the following text:

.2 and having no class of any classification society or classed by ACS — non-IACS member, the requirements of the RS rules for the classification and construction effective during construction of a given ship shall ~~apply~~ be applied, as far as practicable, taking into account the requirements of subsequent editions of the RS rules for the classification and construction applicable to ships in service. Deviations from the RS rules are allowed taking into account 1.3.4;

.3 application of the RS rules and assignment of the character of classification shall be carried out in accordance with 2.2.2 of Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships (the latest version may be used). The possibility to assign specific distinguishing marks and descriptive notations given in 2.2 and 2.5 of Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships shall be ~~specified~~ determined by ~~RHO~~ the RS Branch Office, which is authorized to perform the survey associated with the acceptance of a ship into the RS class, upon the review results:

for ~~the~~ ships classed according to 1.3.3.2.1 — of the class notation and requirements for class notation of the losing society (~~proposed class notation may be specified upon the survey results after additional agreement with RHO of proposals of the RS Branch Office carrying out survey of the ship~~);

for ~~the~~ ships classed according to 1.3.3.2.2 — ~~of proposals of the RS Branch Office carrying out survey~~ based on the RS-reviewed documentation to bring the ship into compliance with the requirements of the applied rules for the classification and construction and survey results.

The proposed class notation may be agreed with RHO, if necessary."

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