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## Re:

Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships under construction, 2024, ND No. 2-030101-042-E, Chapter 3. "Equipment, arrangements and outfit"

Additional survey requirements have been introduced in view of issuing of the Bollard Pull Certificate (form 6.3.45).

Instructions of application:

- 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 during survey of ships under construction starting from 01.01.2024.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments

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## Information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Paras/Chapters/Sections	Item(s)/Type(s) of supervision and their	Information on amendments	Remarks/References
	particulars		
Para 3.3.4.4 (new)	Tugs and ships intended for towing	Additional survey requirements have been	
	operations	introduced in view of issuing of the Bollard Pull	
	Towing arrangements	Certificate (form 6.3.45)	
	Total pull test		

## **3 EQUIPMENT, ARRANGEMENTS AND OUTFIT**

## 3.3 CHECKS AND TESTS

New para 3.3.4.4 is introduced reading as follows:

**"3.3.4.4** When carrying out surveys on the tugs and ships intended for towing operations, to confirm the total pull of the ship using special towing equipment on different main engine operating conditions and to issue the Bollard Pull Certificate (form 6.3.45) the requirements of 6.11, Part I "General Provisions" of the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service and the Bollard Pull Testing Procedure (Appendix 1 to Annex 28 to the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service) shall be met.

Results of the total pull tests conducted on the prototype ship and/or subsequent ship(s) of a series (refer to 1.1.2, Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction) may be credited for ship(s) of a series, provided the RS surveyor confirms the following:

a letter of guarantee justifying the impossibility of conducting tests has been provided by the customer;

main propulsion plant and screw-rudder system are technically identical on all ships of a series, including the prototype ship;

results of the total pull tests obtained for the first ship of a series and/or subsequent ship(s) of a series are practically identical;

the RS technical supervision during construction of the prototype ship and ship(s) of a series has been carried out with satisfactory results.

In this case, the data may be used obtained upon results of the actual total pull tests conducted on the prototype ship and/or subsequent ship(s) of a series and witnessed by the RS surveyor, provided the full (detailed) report on the tests of the main propulsion plant and screw-rudder system for the ships of a series considered is submitted to the RS surveyor and the absence of deviations in the data and results compared to the prototype ship/ship(s) of a series is confirmed in the Report on the Survey of the Ship (form 6.3.10)."