



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

URGENT RULE CHANGE NOTICE **No. 311-05-1997** dated 28.02.2024

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Re: amendments to Part III "Additional Surveys of Ships Depending on their Purpose and Hull Material" of the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service, version of 01.01.2024, ND No. 2-020101-012-E.

New requirements have been introduced regarding the safe carriage of industrial personnel in compliance with the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel, coming into force on 1 July 2024.

Instructions of application:

1. Bring the content of the Urgent Rule Change Notice 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 Notice during survey of ships in service requested for survey from 28.02.2024.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS IN SERVICE (01.01.2024)**

REVISION HISTORY

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Part III, Chapter 10	Ships carrying industrial personnel and/or special personnel Goals, functional requirements and regulations for the safe carriage	The assumption of application of the 2008 SPS Code to ships carrying special personnel have been clarified upon the decision of the Flag State MA. New provisions have been introduced concerning the issuing of certificates for the carriage of special personnel to the ships flying the RF flag	Amendments to the Merchant Shipping Code of the Russian Federation, entering into force on 1 March 2024 Entry-into-force date: 28.02.2024

ЧАСТЬ III. ADDITIONAL SURVEYS OF SHIPS DEPENDING ON THEIR PURPOSE AND HULL MATERIAL

10 SURVEYS OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS

Chapter 10 is amended as follows:

"10 SURVEYS OF SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS CARRYING INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL AND/OR SPECIAL PERSONNEL"

10.1 GENERAL

10.1.1 Special purpose ships shall comply with the requirements of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships because they have been developed with regard to requirements of the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (SPS Code), as amended (refer to 2.1.6 of Part III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships" of the Guidelines. Ships, except high-speed craft, carrying industrial personnel and/or special personnel shall comply with the appropriate requirements of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships as well as the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships.

10.1.2 High-speed craft carrying industrial personnel shall comply with the requirements of Part XXI "Craft for Personnel Transportation" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of High-Speed Craft.

10.1.3 In addition to the requirements specified in 10.1.1 and 10.1.2 of this Section, and unless otherwise provided for by additional State Flag MA requirements:

.1 ships of 500 gross tonnage and above engaged on international voyages and carrying special personnel shall comply with the requirements of the Safety Code for Special Purpose Ships, 2008, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.266(84) as amended (2008 SPS Code) (refer to 2.1.16 of Part III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships" of the Guidelines);

.2 from 1 July 2024, cargo ships and cargo high-speed craft of 500 gross tonnage and above engaged on international voyages and carrying special personnel shall comply with the requirements of chapter XV of SOLAS-74 and the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) adopted by IMO resolution MSC.527(106) (refer to 2.1.15 of Part III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships" of the Guidelines). Before 1 July 2024, the cargo ships carrying industrial personnel are subject to the provisions of IMO resolution MSC.418(97) "Interim Recommendations on the Safe Carriage of More Than 12 Industrial Personnel on Board Vessels Engaged on International Voyages", according to which such ships shall meet the provisions of the mentioned IMO resolution and the 2008 SPS Code as amended or the equivalent requirements as decided by the Flag State MA (for example, the 1983 SPS Code).

10.1.4 Ships flying the flag of the Russian Federation and carrying special personnel (as defined by the legislation of the Russian Federation) shall comply with the requirements of 2.1.16 of Part III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships" of the Guidelines.

10.2 SURVEYS AND DOCUMENTS TO BE ISSUED

10.2.1 At survey of special purpose ships carrying industrial personnel and/or special personnel, the requirements set forth in Part I "General Provisions", as well as applicable requirements of Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" and Part III "Additional Surveys of Ships Depending on their Purpose and Hull Material" of these Rules shall be fully complied with. Instructions on survey of special purpose ships for compliance with the provisions of the SPS Code are specified in 2.1.6 of Part III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International

Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships" of the Guidelines.

10.2.2 Upon satisfactory results of survey of the ships specified in 10.1.1 and 10.1.2, the Register, when requested by the shipowner, draws up and issues the Classification Certificate.

10.2.3 In addition to 10.2.2, upon satisfactory results of survey of the ships specified in 10.1.3 and 10.1.4 of this Section, the Register, when requested by the shipowner, draws up and issues the documents in accordance with 2.1.6 and 2.1.15 of Part III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships" of the Guidelines (as applicable).

Note: In respect of 10.1.3.2 of this Section, for a ship to which IMO resolution MSC.418(97) applies, a document certifying compliance with the said resolution shall be issued on instructions from the Flag State MA."