URGENT RULE CHANGE NOTICE  No. 311-05-2003  dated 18.03.2024

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Re: amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, ND No. 2-020101-174-E (Part V "Subdivision").

Requirements for cargo ships of \( L_1 \geq 80 \text{ m} \) in length and passenger ships have been amended based on IMO resolutions MSC.421(98) and MSC.474(102).

Instructions on application:

Apply the provisions of the Notice during review and approval of the technical documentation on ships contracted for construction or conversion on or after 18.03.2024, in the absence of a contract, on ships the keels of which are laid, or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 18.03.2024, as well as during review and approval of the technical documentation on ships requested for review on or after 18.03.2024.

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# Proposed Amendments

**To the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships**

## Revision History

**Part V. Subdivision (01.01.2024)**

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PART V. SUBDIVISION

1 GENERAL

1.1 APPLICATION

Para 1.1.4 is deleted.

Para 1.1.5 is amended as follows:

"1.1.4 Where an existing cargo ship is subject to any conversion, and where such conversion affects the level of subdivision of that ship, it shall be demonstrated that the $A/R$ ratio calculated for the ship after such conversion is not less than the $A/R$ ratio calculated for the ship before the conversion. However, in those cases where the ship's $A/R$ ratio before conversion is equal to or greater than unity, it is only necessary to demonstrate that the ship after such conversion has an $A$ value, which is not less than $R$, calculated for the ship after conversion. A definition of the term "existing cargo ship" in the context of the above interpretation means a cargo ship constructed before 1 February 1992, regardless of the length and a ship constructed before 1 July 1998 of 100 m in length or less."

2 PROBABILITY ESTIMATION OF SUBDIVISION

2.5 CALCULATION OF THE FACTOR $s_i$

Para 2.5.4.1.1 is supplemented by the following new paragraph:

"Alternatively, the heeling moment may be calculated assuming the passengers are distributed with 4 persons per square metre on available deck areas towards one side of the ship on the decks where muster stations are located and in such a way that they produce the most adverse heeling moment. In doing so, a weight of 75 kg per passenger shall be assumed."

New para 2.5.5.3.4 is introduced reading as follows:

"at any intermediate stage of flooding, for passenger ships, the lower edge of openings through which progressive flooding may take place and such flooding is not accounted for in the calculation of factor $s_i$. Such openings shall include air pipes, ventilators and openings which are closed by means of weathertight doors or hatch covers."

Para 2.5.5.5 is amended as follows:

"2.5.5.5 Except as provided in 2.5.5.3.1, openings closed by means of watertight manhole covers and flush scuttles, small watertight hatch covers, remotely operated sliding watertight doors, side scuttles of the non-opening type as well as watertight access doors and watertight hatch covers required to be kept closed at sea in accordance with 7.12 and 7.15 of Part III "Equipment, Arrangement and Outfit" need not be considered."