



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

URGENT RULE CHANGE NOTICE No. 311-05-2038 dated 20.02.2025

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From the date of publication

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

Based on the practical experience of technical supervision of ships in service, taking into account the absence of confirmed statistical data on accidents/accident situations regarding the use of carbon dioxide cylinders, as well as information on claims from port control authorities, the requirements in para 2.4.4.3.10 of Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" for internal survey and hydraulic test of all high-pressure cylinders upon reaching the 20-year anniversary that were introduced on the basis of IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1318/Rev.1 and came into force on 01.01.2025, are considered excessive and have been deleted.

Instructions on application:

Apply the provisions of the Notice during survey of ships requested for survey on or after 20.02.2025.

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**AMENDMENTS
TO THE RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS IN SERVICE (01.01.2025)**

REVISION HISTORY

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Part II, para 2.4.4.3.10	Ships in service Fixed high-pressure carbon dioxide smothering systems Hydraulic tests of carbon dioxide cylinders	Requirement regarding the performance of internal survey and hydraulic test of all high-pressure cylinders upon reaching the 20-year anniversary has been deleted	Entry-into-force date: 20.02.2025

PART II. SURVEY SCHEDULE AND SCOPE

2 PERIODICAL SURVEYS

2.4 SPECIAL SURVEY

Para 2.4.4.3.10. The **fourth paragraph** is amended as follows:

"High-pressure cylinders shall be subjected to periodical tests at intervals not exceeding 10 years. After the first 10 years, starting from the second special survey, at least 10 % of all high-pressure cylinders shall be subjected to internal survey and hydraulic test. If one or more carbon dioxide cylinders fail, a total of 50 % of the onboard cylinders shall be subjected to hydraulic tests. If further cylinders fail, all cylinders shall be subjected to internal survey and hydraulic test. ~~Upon reaching the 20-year anniversary, starting from the fourth special survey, and every 10-year anniversary thereafter, all cylinders shall be subjected to internal survey and hydraulic test.~~"