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Re: amendments to the Rules for Technical Supervision of Ships in Service,
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Instructions on application:

1. Bring the content of the Rule Change Notice to the attention of the RS surveyors.
 2. Apply the provisions of the Notice in the RS practical activity from the entry-into-force date of the amendments.
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE RULES FOR TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF SHIPS IN SERVICE (01.01.2026)**

REVISION HISTORY

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Part IV, para 12.1.6.3	Survey procedure for ships after detentions and inspections by PSC	Condition (no survey has been carried out prior to a ship departure) has been introduced according to which the RS Branch Office shall issue requirement to submit the ship for the RS survey	
Part IV, para 12.1.9.1	Survey procedure for ships after detentions by PSC	Condition (no survey has been carried out prior to a ship departure) has been introduced according to which the RS Branch Office shall issue requirement to submit the ship for the RS survey	
Part IV, para 12.2.2.4	Survey procedure for ships after detentions by PSC	Requirements have been amended when additional survey of a ship is impossible to carry out in the port of detention	
Part IV, Section 14	Initiative surveys	Provisions have been supplemented for carrying out integrated safety analysis (ISA) for ships aged 30 years or more, registered under the State Flag of the Russian Federation	

PART IV. OCCASIONAL AND OTHER SURVEYS

12 SURVEYS AND DETENTIONS OF SHIPS BY PORT AUTHORITIES

12.1 GENERAL

Para 12.1.6.3 is amended as follows:

"**12.1.6.3** If the reason for the refusal of the captain of the Russian port master's refusal to approve the Russian flagged ship leaving the port is deficiencies according to the ISM Code/ISPS Code/MLC and no survey is carried out prior to the ship departure, the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision shall issue a requirement to submit this ship for survey by the Register within a period not exceeding one month from the date of refusal, and notify a shipowner of such a matter. The requirement shall be included in the List of Survey's Status as a condition for retainment of SMC/SSC/MLC."

Para 12.1.9.1 is amended as follows:

"**12.1.9.1** If the reason for the ship detention by PSC is deficiencies according to the ISM Code/ISPS Code/MLC and no survey is carried out prior to the ship departure, the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision shall issue a requirement to submit this ship for survey by the Register within a period not exceeding one month from the date of detention, and notify a shipowner of such a matter. The requirement shall be included in the List of Survey's Status as a condition for retainment of SMC/SSC/MLC."

12.2 SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS FOR SURVEYORS IN CASE OF SHIP DETENTION BY PSC

Para 12.2.2.4 is amended as follows:

"**12.2.2.4** in case of ~~grounds a reason~~ for ship detention related to the ineffectiveness of the implementation of the ISM Code/ISPS Code/MLC requirements, require an additional survey of the ship for compliance with the ISM Code/ISPS Code/MLC requirements before the ship leaves the port of detention. If it is impossible to conduct an additional audit survey of the ship at the port of detention for objective reasons, ~~the terms for presentation must be agreed by the Company with RS~~ issue a requirement to submit that ship for survey by the Register within a period not exceeding one month from the date of detention, and notify a shipowner of such a matter. The requirement shall be included in the List of Survey's Status as a condition for retainment of SMC/SSC/MLC."

14 INITIATIVE SURVEYS

Section 14 is replaced by the following text:

"14 INITIATIVE SURVEYS

14.1 GENERAL

14.1.1 Occasional surveys of a ship or separate items of technical supervision are conducted on the RS initiative for the objectives as follows:

preventing or excluding the possibility of operating the ship being not in a full compliance with the applicable requirements of the relevant RS rules, international conventions and agreements;

assessment of the ship actual technical condition between the prescribed periodical surveys (the special, annual surveys, etc.);

the integrated safety analysis (hereinafter, ISA) for ships aged 30 years and more, registered under the State Flag of the Russian Federation.

14.1.2 Initiative surveys are applied for ships and items of technical supervision that have the highest rate of deficiencies identified during inspections by Port State authorities (PSC) or Flag State MA.

14.1.3 Initiative surveys can also be regarded as a practical assistance to shipowners preparing ships for PSC inspections, considering the Register's experience of similar checks. This work shall be entrusted to the most experienced RS surveyors familiar with specific features of ship inspections by PSC or Flag State MA.

14.1.4 In selecting ships for initiative surveys, consideration shall be given to the following:

- deficiencies identified during PSC/FSC inspections of ships of the type;

- deficiencies identified during PSC/FSC inspection of the ship concerned, to select the items and scope of the initiative survey;

- shipowner's attitude towards ensuring safety of navigation (based on reviewing the statistics of identified deficiencies, their causes and corrective measures taken); age of the ship (most deficiencies are identified on ships over 15 years of age).

14.1.5 The initiative survey of a ship shall be performed:

- on the basis of a statement by PSC, Flag State MA, or crew members about defects on board threatening the safety of navigation, human life or the environment;

- after inspection and/or detention of the ship by PSC, including cases where the request for survey in the port of detention is absent;

- on the basis of information that the sister ships or ships of the type have typical defects threatening the safety of navigation, human life or the environment;

- on ships that systematically violate the requirements established by the Register (suspension of the ship's class, cancellation of statutory certificates, major deficiencies identified during periodical surveys, as well as the overdue conditions (requirements) of retaining the RS class, untimely presentation of items of technical supervision for survey, in case of major refit, conversion or repair without the RS technical supervision, etc.);

- on ships having unsatisfactory appearance, apparent defects of life-saving appliances, fire-fighting equipment, an illegible load-line marking, etc.

Additionally, defects on the same type ships may serve as a reason for initiative survey of the ship.

It is the shipowner's responsibility to duly notify the Master of the date and purpose of a visit by the RS surveyors, prepare the ship items and make necessary arrangements for conducting the survey.

14.1.6 The initiative survey for carrying out ISA is assigned in all cases upon receipt by the Register of a shipowner's request for a ship aged 30 years or more, registered under the State Flag of the Russian Federation, for deviations, exemptions, equivalent replacements, as well as the possibility of prolonging the terms of fulfillment or partial fulfillment (including the temporary one) of the RS rules, international conventions and codes, and/or the MA requirements. The initiative survey may also be assigned following the ship inspection and/or detention by PSC/FSC. In this case, such survey may be combined with the survey to which the ship is submitted at the time of receipt of the said shipowner's request.

14.1.7 The initiative survey of items of technical supervision may be carried out at any ship survey under a physical presence of the RS surveyor on board (except for cases specified in 14.2.4). In so doing, it is necessary to check the items not related to the type of survey itself.

14.2 SCOPE OF SURVEY

14.2.1 The scope of initiative survey shall be established by the Register on a case by case basis, based on the reasons and objectives of the initiative survey, and may comprise both an overall survey of a ship and a close-up survey of specific items including operational tests and trials, if necessary. In any case, the RS surveyor primarily familiarizes himself/herself with the classification and statutory documents available on board in order to verify their validity periods, the presence of outstanding RS requirements, etc., as well as with the latest PSC inspection reports.

14.2.2 The scope of survey initiated by RS shall mandatorily include an operational test and/or external examination of those items of technical supervision that most commonly cause

ships to be detained during PSC inspections (as a rule, life-saving appliances, fire-fighting equipment and outfit, and nautical publications).

14.2.3 In addition to the scope of survey determined in accordance with 14.2.1 and 14.2.2, the initiative survey for the ISA purposes, in justified cases, may include in-water bottom survey, should there be, among other cases, requirements for the ship's underwater part, areas with significant corrosion.

14.2.4 The results of a periodic survey carried out no more than 3 months before the occurrence of the circumstances set out in 14.1.6, to the extent specified in 14.2.1 — 14.2.3 may be taken into consideration during the initiative survey for the ISA purposes.

14.3 SURVEY RESULTS

14.3.1 Upon the results of the initiative survey, a Report (Form 6.3.10) is generally drawn up indicating the existing requirements, if any, and their due dates. If the initiative survey is combined with the survey aimed to verify the elimination of deficiencies identified by PSC/FSC, it is allowed to indicate the results of the initiative survey in the Report on Form 6.3.34.

14.3.2 If major deficiencies are identified during the survey that affect the safety of navigation and prevention of pollution of the marine environment, and those, in particular, related to the items of technical supervision whose survey is not covered by the scope of survey specified earlier, the suspension of class and/or cancellation of relevant statutory documents shall be carried out in accordance with 1.2 of Part II "Classification Surveys" and 1.4.4.4.8 of Part III "Statutory Surveys", respectively. The scope of the occasional survey shall be extended in this case.

14.3.3 Depending on the results of the survey carried out for the purpose of IAS, an entry shall be made in the Report (Form 6.3.10) containing the RS inspector's conclusion on confirmation or non-confirmation of further safe operation of the ship until the next prescribed special survey, provided that the ship is submitted to the prescribed periodic surveys. In case of non-confirmation of the further safe operation of the ship, the RS inspector shall follow the provisions of 14.3.2 and 14.3.5.

14.3.4 In the cases referred to in 14.2.4, the Report (Form 6.3.10) specified in 14.3.1 and 14.3.3 shall be issued administratively.

14.3.5 In the case of an unjustified refusal by the shipowner/ship's crew to have the initiative survey performed, the RS Branch Office shall notify the shipowner in writing of a possible suspension of the ship's class until the RS requirement to perform the said survey is fulfilled. Unjustified refusal shall include those cases when the shipowner fails to submit a ship that is subject to the requirements of 14.1.5 for an initiative survey.

14.3.6 No invoice is issued for the initiative survey, but subsequent surveys related to rectify deficiencies and fulfill requirements imposed during the initiative survey shall be charged on a general basis."