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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

It is necessary to do the following:

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 starting from 30.03.2023.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

paras: 1.1.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.17, 1.3.1.1, 13.2.3, 2.5.1 and 2.5.2

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(for inclusion in the Revision History to the RS Publication)**

Nos.	Amended paras/chapters/ sections	Information on amendments	Number and date of the Circular Letter	Entry-into-force date
1	Para 1.1.2	List of standards, organizations and other documents as well as their corresponding abbreviations, most commonly referred to in the RS Publications, has been introduced	312-05-1916c of 30.03.2023	30.03.2023
2	Para 1.2.3	Requirements for the implementation of IACS normative documents in the RS Publications have been specified	312-05-1916c of 30.03.2023	30.03.2023
3	Para 1.2.17	Requirements for publications of the RS Register of Ships have been specified	312-05-1916c of 30.03.2023	30.03.2023
4	Para 1.3.1.1	List of the RS Publications with their corresponding abbreviations has been specified	312-05-1916c of 30.03.2023	30.03.2023
5	Para 1.3.2.3	Conditions for application of the RS requirements during technical documentation review have been specified	312-05-1916c of 30.03.2023	30.03.2023
6	Para 2.5.1	List of international conventions, codes and resolutions with their corresponding abbreviations, if any, has been specified	312-05-1916c of 30.03.2023	30.03.2023
7	Para 2.5.2	List of normative documents used in the RS activity has been specified	312-05-1916c of 30.03.2023	30.03.2023

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND OTHER ACTIVITY, 2023,

ND No. 2-020101-178-E

1 GENERAL

1 **Para 1.1.2** is replaced by the following text:

"1.1.2 Abbreviations.

When refereeing in the text of the RS Publications to the organizations, standards, RS rules, international conventions, codes and other documents, the abbreviations given in Tables 1.1.2-1, 1.1.2-2, 1.3.1.1 and 2.5.1 are used.

Table 1.1.2-1

Organizations

Abbreviations adopted in the RS Publications	Full name
EU	European Union
UNECE	The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
ACS	Another Classification Society
IMO	International Maritime Organization
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IACS	International Association of Classification Societies
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
UN	United Nations
AISI	American Iron and Steel Institute
ANSI	American national standards institute
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASNT	American Society for Nondestructive Testing
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BSI	British Standards Institution
CEN	European Committee for Standardization
CESNI	European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation
CIGRE	International Council on Large Electric Systems
CISPR	International Special Committee on Radio Interference
DIN	German Institute for Standardisation
EFIBCA	European Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association
EMSA	European Maritime Safety Agency
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineer
JISC	Japanese Industrial Standards Committee
MEPC	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee
MSC	IMO Maritime Safety Committee
NACE	USA National Association of Corrosion Engineers
NORSOK	Norwegian Standard Organization
OCIMF	Oil Companies International Marine Forum

Table 1.1.2-2

Standards and other documents

Abbreviations adopted in the RS Publications	Full name
ADN	The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
GOST GOST R	National standards of the Russian Federation

Abbreviations adopted in the RS Publications	Full name
GOST R ISO	
OST	Industry standard of the Russian Federation
ACCP	American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) central certification programme
BS	British standard
CB CB/T	Chinese National Standards in Shipping Industry
EN EN ISO	European Norm
IACS PR	IACS Procedural requirements
IACS Rec.	IACS Recommendations
IACS UI	IACS Unified interpretations of the provisions/regulations of international conventions and code
IACS UR	IACS Unified requirements
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ISO/TS	ISO Technical Specifications
ISO/TR	ISO Technical Reports
FMEA	Failure Mode and Effects Analysis
FMECA	Failure Mode, Effects and Criticality Analysis
JIS	Japanese Industrial Standards
MEG	OCIMF Mooring Equipment Guidelines
OHSAS	Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series
UNS	the United Numbering System
<p>Notes: 1. The reference to any IACS normative documents shall have the form: "type (non-mandatory), abbreviated name, identification number and version of the IACS normative document" (for example, "IACS UR S10 (Rev.6 Sep 2019)"), with explanation "the document is available on the IACS website (www.iacs.org.uk)".</p> <p>2. The reference to the international or national standards (GOST R, ISO, EN, IEC, ASTM, etc.) shall have the form: "abbreviated name, identification number, year and, if necessary, the title of the standard".</p>	

2 **Para 1.2.3** is replaced by the following text:

"1.2.3 The Register has developed and maintains a quality management system (QMS) complying with the requirements of the International Standard ISO 9001 and IACS Quality System Certification Scheme (IACS QSCS). In its activity, the Register implements the IACS publications on the basis of the following principles:

.1 all IACS resolutions such as IACS UR, PT and UI, as well as IACS Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, taking into account their latest versions, are mandatorily implemented by the Register in the relevant RS normative documents;

.2 the terms of entry into force of the RS requirements comply with the terms of entering into force prescribed by the relevant IACS resolutions;

.3 IACS Recommendations may be implemented in the RS normative documents if deemed necessary by the Register. IACS Recommendations related to the IACS Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers shall be mandatorily applied and implemented in the RS normative documents."

3 **Para 1.2.17** is replaced by the following text:

"1.2.17 The Register of Ships containing the information on ships (except for manned submersibles (MS), ship's diving systems (SDS), subsea pipelines (SP), subsea production systems (SPS)) classed with the Register is published by the Register on the RS official website at <https://rs-class.org>, in Section "Online Information". The information provided in the Register of Ships is not confidential and is available for all interested parties."

4 **Para 1.3.1.1** is replaced by the following text:

"1.3.1.1 Rules developed, published and used by the Register in its activity are listed in Table 1.3.1.1 as follows:

Table 1.3.1.1

No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in RS Publications
.1	Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers	CSR
.2	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships	RS Rules/C
.3	Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships	RS Rules/E
.4	Load Line Rules for Sea-Going Ships	RS Rules/LL
.5	Rules for the Cargo-Handling Gear of Sea-Going Ships	RS Rules/CHG
.6	Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service	RCSSS
.7	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Inland Navigation Ships (for European Inland Waterways)	Rules C/IN
.8	Rules for the Surveys of Inland Navigation Ships in Service (for European Inland Waterways)	Rules IN/S
.9	Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Fixed Offshore Platforms	MODU&FOP Rules
.10	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Chemical Tankers	Chem Rules
.11	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk	LG Rules
.12	Rules for Membrane Containment System for Liquefied Natural Gas	LG MCS Rules
.13	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Ships Carrying Compressed Natural Gas	CNG Rules
.14	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Nuclear Ships and Nuclear Support Vessels	Nuclear Rules
.15	Rules for the Classification and Construction of High-Speed Craft	HSC Rules
.16	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Manned Submersibles and Ship's Diving Systems	MS and SDS Rules
.17	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Type A WIG Craft	WIG Rules
.18	Rules for the Carriage of Grain	Grain Rules
.19	Rules for the Construction of Hulls of Sea-Going Ships and Floating Facilities Using Reinforced Concrete	Concrete Rules
.20	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Small Sea Fishing Vessels	SFV Rules
.21	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Pleasure Craft	PC Rules
.22	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Floating Offshore Oil-and-Gas Product Units	FPU Rules
.23	Rules for the Tonnage Measurement of Sea-Going Ships	Tonnage Rules
.24	Rules for the Tonnage Measurement of Inland Navigation Ships	Tonnage Rules/IN
.25	Rules for Technical Supervision during Construction of Ships and Manufacture of Materials and Products for Ships	Rules TSDCS
.26	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Wooden Ships	Wooden Ships Rules
.27	Rules for the Oil-and-Gas Equipment of Floating Offshore Oil-and-Gas Product Units, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Fixed Offshore Platforms	OGE Rules
.28	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Subsea Pipelines	SP Rules
.29	Rules for Planning and Execution of Marine Operations	MO Rules
.30	Rules for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Intended for Operation in Sea Areas and Inland Waterways of the Russian Federation	PPS Rules
.31	Rules for the Classification and Survey of Small Craft	SC Rules
.32	Rules for the Design, Construction, Repair and Operation of Sailing Racing Yachts, Manufacture of Materials and Products for Installation on Board Sailing Racing Yachts	RSY Rules
.33	Collection of the Rules for Containers	RC Collection
.33.1	General Regulations for the Technical Supervision of Containers	GRTSC
.33.2	Rules for the Manufacture of Containers	RMC
.33.3	Rules for the Approval of Containers for the Transport of Goods Under Customs Seal	RATC
.33.4	Rules for Technical Supervision During Manufacture of Containers, Materials and Products for Containers	RTSMC

No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in RS Publications
.33.5	Rules for Technical Supervision of Containers in Service	RTSCS
.34	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Subsea Production Systems	SPS Rules
.35	Rules for the Equipment of Floating Offshore Oil-and-Gas Product Units	FPU Rules/E
.36	Rules for Active Means of Polar Class Ships' Steering	AMPC Rules
.37	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Unmanned Underwater Vehicles	UUV Rules

5 **Para 1.3.2.3** is replaced by the following text:

"**1.3.2.3** New or modified RS rules' requirements coming into force subsequent to the date of contract for construction of a ship (series of ships) shall apply in the following cases:

.1 where previously approved plans are intended to use for a new contract for construction;

.2 where their fulfillment is prescribed by the RS circulars.

The above-mentioned amendments may be applied, upon agreement with the Register, when a justified written request is received from the party applying for classification and/or review of technical documentation on a ship."

2 SURVEYS

6 **Para 2.5.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**2.5.1** When performing technical supervision during design, certification of materials and products, survey under construction and in service, the Register shall verify compliance of an item of technical supervision with the applicable requirements of the international documents and amendments thereto specified in Table 2.5.1:

Table 2.5.1

List of the applicable international conventions, codes and resolutions

No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in the RS Publications
1	IMO conventions	
1.1	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the Protocols of 1978 and 1988 and amended by subsequent resolutions	SOLAS-74
1.2	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978, and the Protocol of 1997 relating thereto, as amended by subsequent resolutions	MARPOL 73/78
1.3	International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as modified by the Protocol of 1988, as amended	LL-66/88
1.4	International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969)	TM69
1.5	International Convention for the Control of Harmful Antifouling Systems on Ships, 2001, as amended	AFS Convention
1.6	International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, as amended	BWM Convention
1.7	Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended	COLREG-72
1.8	Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 with amendments of 1993 implemented by Torremolinos Protocol	Torremolinos Protocol or TP-93
1.9	Cape Town Agreement 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977	Cape Town Agreement or CTA-2012

No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in the RS Publications
1.10	Convention for Safe Containers	CSC
1.11	The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009	Hong Kong Convention
2	IMO codes	
2.1	The International Code for Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk adopted by IMO resolutions MSC.4(48) and MEPC.19(22) as amended	IBC Code
2.2	Code for Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk, adopted by IMO resolution A.212(VII) and MEPC.20(22), as amended	BCH Code
2.3	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.122(75) as amended	IMDG Code
2.4	International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.268(85), as amended	IMSBC Code
2.5	International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Waste on Board Ships, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.88(71), as amended	INF Code
2.6	International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk, adopted by the IMO resolution MSC.5(48), as amended	IGC Code
2.7	Code for the construction and equipment of ships carrying liquefied gases in bulk adopted by IMO resolution A.328(IX) as amended	GC Code
2.8	Safety Code for Special Purpose Ships, 2008, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.266(84) as amended	2008 SPS Code
2.9	Safety Code for Special Purpose Ships, adopted by IMO resolution A.534(13) as amended	1983 SPS Code
2.10	International Safety Code for High-Speed Craft, 1994, adopted by IMO Resolution MSC 36(63) as amended	1994 HSC Code
2.11	International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000, adopted by IMO Resolution MSC.97(73) as amended	2000 HSC Code
2.12	International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.23(59)	Grain Code
2.13	Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009 (the 2009 MODU Code), adopted by IMO resolution A.1023(26), as amended	2009 MODU Code
2.14	Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 1989, adopted by IMO resolution A.649(16), as amended	1989 MODU Code
2.15	Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, adopted by IMO resolution A.414(XI), as amended	1979 MODU Code
2.16	Code for the transport and handling of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk on offshore support vessels, adopted by IMO resolution A.1122(30)	OSV Chemical Code
2.17	Code of Safe Practice for the Carriage of Cargoes and Persons by Offshore Supply Vessels	OSV Code
2.18	International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) adopted by IMO resolutions MSC.385(94), MEPC.264(68)	Polar Code
2.19	International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.391(95) as amended	IGF Code
2.20	International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.307(88) as amended	FTP Code
2.21	International Code for Fire Safety Systems, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.98(73) as amended	FSS Code
2.22	International Life-Saving Appliance Code, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.48(66), as amended	LSA Code
2.23	International Safety Management Code, adopted by IMO resolution A.741(18) as amended	ISM Code
2.24	International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, adopted by resolution 2 of 2002 IMO conference, as amended	ISPS Code

No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in the RS Publications
2.25	International Code on the Enhanced Programme on Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011, adopted by IMO resolution A.1049(27) as amended	ESP Code
2.26	Code of Safety for Diving Systems, adopted by IMO resolution A.831(19) as amended	DS Code
2.27	Code on Alerts and Indicators, 2009, adopted by IMO resolution A.1021(26)	—
2.28	International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code) adopted by IMO resolution MSC.267(85), as amended	2008 IS Code
2.29	Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing, adopted by IMO resolution A.714(17), as amended	CSS Code
2.30	Code of Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011, adopted by IMO resolution A.1048(27), as amended	TDC Code
2.31	NOx Technical Code Technical Code on Control of Emission of Nitrogen Oxides from Marine Diesel Engines, 2008, adopted by IMO resolution MEPC.177(58), as amended	NOx Technical Code
2.32	Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.337(91) as amended	Noise Code
3	Conventions, codes and other documents of international organizations other than IMO	
3.1	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended	MLC
3.1	Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work), Convention, 1979 (No.152)	ILO-152
3.2	Accommodation of Crews Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 92)	ILO-92
3.3	Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1970 (No. 133)	ILO-133
3.4	Customs Convention on Containers	CCC
3.5	Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels, 1966	—
3.6	Radio Regulations	—
4	Regulatory and legal documents of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union	
4.1	Regulation (EU) 1257/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on ship recycling	—
4.2	Council Directive 97/70/EC dated 11.12.1997 with amendments dated 1999, 2002, 2009, laying down safety standards for sea-going fishing vessels	Council Directive 97/70/EC
4.3	Directive 2013/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on recreational craft and personal watercraft	Directive 2013/53/EU
<p>Notes: 1. The scope of application of the above conventions and agreements is defined directly in the conventions, agreements and amendments thereto.</p> <p>2. The documents containing the original text of international conventions, codes and resolutions referred to in this Table, as well as amendments thereto, are available in the RS integrated informational system (idocs.rs-class.org).</p> <p>3. In the text of the RS Publications, after the titles of conventions, codes and resolutions, the reference to the documents amending these conventions, codes or resolutions may be omitted. If it is necessary to refer to the requirements of specific amendments, the year of the amendments (for example, "SOLAS-74/88/00") or the number of the resolution by which these amendments have been adopted may be added to the abbreviated name of the relevant convention, code or resolution. When listing paragraphs, regulations of the convention, the word "convention" may be omitted (for example, "regulation II-2/2 of SOLAS-74", which means: regulation 2 of Chapter II-2 of SOLAS-74).</p>		

7 **Para 2.5.2** is replaced by the following text:

2.5.2 In addition to 2.5.1, the Register applies in its activity the following normative documents:

.1 requirements of flag state maritime administrations (MA) in accordance with the agreements concluded between the Register and MA;

.2 provisions of the Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code), adopted by IMO resolution MSC.349(92);

- .3 Rules for the Measurement of Vessels for the Panama Canal;
- .4 Regulations for the Measurement of Tonnage for the Suez Canal;
- .5 provisions of intergovernmental agreements on load lines in force;
- .6 ACS requirements in accordance with the agreements concluded between the Register and ACS;
- .7 requirements of other normative documents used in international sea-going practice."