CIRCULAR LETTER No. 312-09-1719c dated 17.03.2022

Re: amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2022, ND No. 2-020101-152-E

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Appendices:
Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter
Appendix 2: text of amendments to Parts I "Classification" and XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation Specifying Structural and Operational Particulars of Ships"

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Text of CL:
We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships 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 during review and approval of the technical documentation on ships contracted for construction or conversion on or after 01.05.2022, in the absence of a contract, during review of technical documentation on ships requested for review on or after 01.05.2022.

List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:
Part I: paras 1.1.1 and 2.2.5.1.6;
Part XVII: paras 4.2.3.5, 7.4.4.1 and 7.10.2.2

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RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEA-GOING SHIPS, 2022,

ND No. 2-020101-152-E

PART I. CLASSIFICATION

1 GENERAL

1.1.1. Before the definition "Crew boat" new definition "Polar waters" is introduced:

"Polar waters — includes both Arctic waters and the Antarctic area.

.1 Arctic waters are those waters which are located north of a line from the latitude 58°00',0 N and longitude 042°00',0 W to latitude 64°37',0 N, longitude 035°27',0 W and thence by a rhumb line to latitude 67°03',9 N, longitude 026°33',4 W and thence by a rhumb line to the latitude 70°49',56 N and longitude 008°59',61 W (Sørkapp, Jan Mayen) and by the southern shore of Jan Mayen to 73°31',6 N and 019°01',0 E by the Island of Bjørnøya, and thence by a great circle line to the latitude 68°38',29 N and longitude 043°23',08 E (Cap Kanin Nos) and hence by the northern shore of the Asian Continent eastward to the Bering Strait and thence from the Bering Strait westward to latitude 60° N as far as Il'pyrskiy and following the 60th North parallel eastward as far as and including Etolin Strait and thence by the northern shore of the North American continent as far south as latitude 60° N and thence eastward along parallel of latitude 60° N, to longitude 056°37',1 W and thence to the latitude 58°00',0 N, longitude 042°00',0 W (refer to Fig. 1.1.1-1);

.2 Antarctic area is the sea area south of latitude 60° S (refer to Fig. 1.1.1-2).
Fig. 1.1.1-1
Maximum extent of Arctic waters application¹

¹ It should be noted that this Figure is for illustrative purposes only.
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2 CLASS OF A SHIP

Para 2.2.5.1.6 is replaced by the following text:

".6  R3 — harbour, roadstead and coastal navigation in a 20-mile coastal zone with a wave height up to 2.5 m with 3 % probability of exceeding level with ships proceeding from the place of refuge in accordance with Table 2.2.5.1.6 or with restrictions imposed on the distance from the places of refuge and the height of the wave with 3 % probability based on the justifications submitted to the Register taking into account the wind and wave conditions in specific restricted sea areas.

Particular restrictions for operation of floating cranes (cargo-handling operations and navigation with carriage of cargoes on deck and/or in the hold) shall be imposed by the Register in each particular case."
PART XVII. DISTINGUISHING MARKS AND DESCRIPTIVE NOTATIONS IN THE CLASS NOTATION SPECIFYING STRUCTURAL AND OPERATIONAL PARTICULARS OF SHIPS

4 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF SHIPS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DISTINGUISHING MARK ANTI-ICE IN THE CLASS NOTATION

3 Para 4.2.3.5 is replaced by the following text:

"4.2.3.5 Side scuttles in the wheelhouse providing the arc of visibility required by 3.2 of Part V "Navigational Equipment" of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships according to the ship's class shall be heated.

Windshield wipers on the said side scuttles (if any) shall be heated as well.".

7 REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIP EQUIPMENT TO ENSURE LONG-TERM OPERATION AT LOW TEMPERATURE

4 Para 7.4.4.1 is replaced by the following text:

"7.4.4.1 Side scuttles of wheelhouse and cargo control room shall be provided with heating in compliance with 4.2.3.5.".

5 Para 7.10.2.2 is replaced by the following text:

"7.10.2.2 All electrical equipment intended for installation on the open decks and in the open unheated spaces shall be tested for cold endurance according to the requirements of IEC 60068-2-1:2007 (Test A) at the working temperature in the chamber equal to the design ambient temperature.

The RS certificates issued for electrical equipment to be installed on the open decks and in the open unheated spaces of ships with distinguishing marks WINTERIZATION(–40) and WINTERIZATION(–50) shall contain an indication whether it is allowed to use it at appropriate design ambient temperature.".