



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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No. 312-09-1840c

dated 20.10.2022

Re:

amendments to the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, 2022, ND No. 2-020101-151-E and to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2022 ND No. 2-020101-152-E

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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 and Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity and 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 (or equipment installed on board the ships, or products/machinery installed on board the ships) contracted for construction of conversion on or after 01.11.2022, in the absence of a contract, during review and approval of the technical documentation on ships requested for review on or after 01.11.2022.
3. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during review of the technical documentation on ships under construction and in service upon request of the interested parties.

List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity:

Section 1: paras 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.2.3 — 1.2.20, 1.3.1.1.13 — 1.3.1.1.40, 1.3.1.2, 1.3.1.3, 1.3.3.2, 1.6.2, 2.5.2 and 2.5.3

Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships:

Part I: Table 2.2, paras 2.2.2.2, 2.2.2.3 and 4.2.2.1

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**Information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter
(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	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, para 1.1.1	Preamble has been amended and number 1.1.1 has been assigned thereto	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
2	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, para 1.1.2	New para containing a list of abbreviations has been introduced	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
3	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, paras 1.2.3 — 1.2.20	Paras 1.2.3 and 1.2.12.4 have been deleted. Paras 1.2.4 — 1.2.20 and references thereto have been renumbered 1.2.3 — 1.2.19 accordingly	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
4	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, para 1.2.4 (renumbered 1.2.3)	Requirements regarding the Register's membership of IACS have been deleted	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
5	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, para 1.2.12.1 (renumbered 1.2.11.1)	List of ships classed by the Register has been specified	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
6	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, para 1.3.1.1.13	Title of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Nuclear Ships and Nuclear Support Vessels has been specified	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
7	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, paras 1.3.1.1.14 — 1.3.1.1.40	Para 1.3.1.1.14 has been deleted. Paras 1.3.1.1.15 — 1.3.1.1.40 have been renumbered 1.3.1.1.14 — 1.3.1.1.39 accordingly	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
8	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, para 1.3.1.1.26 (renumbered 1.3.1.1.25)	Rules for the Survey of Ship Propulsion Plants for Compliance with Technical Standards of Noxious Substance Emission into the Air have been replaced by the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Wooden Ships	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
9	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, para 1.3.1.1.31 (renumbered 1.3.1.1.30)	Rules for the Classification and Survey of Sailing Racing Yachts have been replaced by the Rules for the Classification and Survey of Small Craft	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
10	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, para 1.3.3.2	References to the IACS procedural requirements have been deleted	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022

Nos.	Amended paras/chapters/ sections	Information on amendments	Number and date of the Circular Letter	Entry-into-force date
11	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, para 1.6.2	Requirements regarding the Register's membership of IACS have been deleted	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
12	General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, paras 2.5.2 — 2.5.3	New para 2.5.2 has been introduced containing the list of additional normative documents applied by the Register in its activity. Existing para 2.5.2 has been renumbered 2.5.3	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
13	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, Part I, Table 2.2	Title of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Nuclear Ships and Nuclear Support Vessels has been specified	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
14	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, Part I, para 2.2.2.2	References to the IACS procedural requirements have been deleted	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
15	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, Part I, para 2.2.2.3	References to the IACS procedural requirements have been deleted	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022
16	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, Part I, para 4.2.2.1	Conditions for classification of refrigerating plants have been specified in connection with the Register's withdrawal from the membership of IACS	312-09-1840c of 20.10.2022	01.11.2022

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND OTHER ACTIVITY, 2022,

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1 GENERAL

1 **Chapter 1.1.** Preamble is replaced by the following text:

"**1.1.1** Definitions and explanations relating to general terminology of the rules and other normative documents of Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (hereinafter referred to as "the Register, RS") are given in Part I "General Regulations for Technical Supervision" of the Rules for Technical Supervision during Construction of Ships and Manufacture of Materials and Products for Ships.

Additional definitions used in these General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity are given below."

2 **New para 1.1.2** is introduced reading as follows:

"1.1.2 Abbreviations.

ACS — another classification society;

IACS — International Association of Classification Societies."

3 **Paras 1.2.3** and **1.2.12.4** are deleted.

4 **Existing paras 1.2.4 — 1.2.20** and references thereto are renumbered **1.2.3 — 1.2.19** accordingly.

5 **Para 1.2.4** 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."

6 **Para 1.2.12.1** is replaced by the following text:

".**1** passenger ships, cargo ships and other self-propelled ships with the main engines having an output of 55 kW and upwards, non-self-propelled ships of 80 gross tonnage and upwards, non-self-propelled ships with machinery and equipment of total power output of prime movers 100 kW and upwards — irrespective of their gross tonnage, including nuclear ships and floating facilities, nuclear support vessels;"

7 **Para 1.3.1.1.13** is replaced by the following text:

".**13** Rules for the Classification and Construction of Nuclear Ships and Nuclear Support Vessels;"

8 **Para 1.3.1.1.14** is deleted.

9 **Existing paras 1.3.1.1.15 — 1.3.1.1.40** are renumbered **1.3.1.1.14 — 1.3.1.1.39** accordingly.

10 **Para 1.3.1.1.26** is replaced by the following text:

".25 Rules for the Classification and Construction of Wooden Ships;"

11 **Para 1.3.1.1.31** is replaced by the following text:

".30 Rules for the Classification and Survey of Small Craft;"

12 **Para 1.3.1.2** is deleted.

13 **Existing para 1.3.1.3** is renumbered **1.3.1.2**.

14 **Para 1.3.3.2** is replaced by the following text:

"1.3.3.2 For ships in service to be classed by the Register for the first time:

.1 and classed by ACS — IACS member, the requirements of the rules of ACS — IACS member for compliance with which the ship was built/classed shall apply. Compliance with the requirements of the above-stated rules shall be confirmed by the Classification Certificate issued by ACS — IACS member and being valid when the ship is classed by the Register;

.2 and having no class of any classification society or classed by ACS — non-IACS member, the requirements of the RS rules effective during construction of a given ship shall apply, as far as practicable, taking into account the requirements of subsequent editions of the RS rules applicable to ships in service. Deviations from the RS rules are allowed taking into account 1.3.4;

.3 application of the RS rules and assignment of the character of classification shall be carried out in accordance with 2.2.2 of Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships. The possibility to assign specific distinguishing marks and descriptive notations given in 2.2 and 2.5 of Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships shall be specified by RHO upon the review results:

for the ships classed according to 1.3.3.2.1 of this Section — of the class notation and requirements for class notation of the losing society (proposed class notation may be specified upon the survey results after additional agreement with RHO of proposals of the RS Branch Office carrying out survey of the ship);

for the ships classed according to 1.3.3.2.2 of this Section — of proposals of the RS Branch Office carrying out survey based on the RS-reviewed documentation to bring the ship into compliance with the requirements of the applied rules for construction and survey results."

15 **Para 1.6.2** is replaced by the following text:

"1.6.2 Notwithstanding the general duty of confidentiality owed by the Register to its customer in accordance with the RS rules, by participating in IACS Early Warning System, the Register provides ACS — IACS members with relevant technical information on serious hull structural and engineering systems failures to facilitate the proper working of IACS Early Warning System.

The Register shall provide its customer with details of such information upon sending the same to ACS — IACS member."

16 **New para 2.5.2** is introduced reading as follows:

"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 Rules for the Measurement of Vessels for the Panama Canal;

.3 Regulations for the Measurement of Tonnage for the Suez Canal;

.4 ACS requirements in accordance with the agreements concluded between the Register and ACS."

17 Existing para 2.5.2 is renumbered 2.5.3.

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

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PART I. CLASSIFICATION

2 CLASS OF A SHIP

18 Table 2.2. Note 1 is replaced by the following text:

"1. If ships or offshore installations are fitted with a nuclear power unit and comply with the requirements of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Nuclear Ships and Nuclear Support Vessels and these Rules, the symbol ☒ is added before the character of classification."

19 Paras 2.2.2.2 and 2.2.2.3 are replaced by the following text:

".2 ships and offshore installations built according to the rules of ACS — IACS member and surveyed by that society during their construction and classed by the same or different ACS — IACS member during their service, when classed by the Register are assigned a class notation with the character of classification: **KM★** or **KE★** or **K★** (refer to 2.2.1). For classification of such ships and offshore installations the provisions of 1.2.2 of Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" of the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service shall apply;

.3 ships and offshore installations which were as a whole (or their hull or machinery installation, or machinery, or equipment) built and/or manufactured without being surveyed by ACS — IACS member or without being surveyed by any classification society and which were not classed by ACS — IACS member during their service, when classed by the Register, are assigned a class notation with the character of classification: **(KM)★** or **(KE)★** or **(K)★** (refer to 2.2.1). For classification of such ships and offshore installations the provisions of 1.2.3 of Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" of the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service shall apply;"

4 CLASSIFICATION OF REFRIGERATING PLANTS

20 Para 4.2.2.1 is replaced by the following text:

"4.2.2.1 The character of classification of a refrigerating plant consists of the following marks:

REF☉ — for a refrigerating plant built according to these Rules and surveyed by the Register;

REF★ — for a refrigerating plant built according to the rules of ACS — IACS member, surveyed by that society during construction and classed by the same or different ACS — IACS member during their service and subsequently classed by the Register;

(REF)★ — for a refrigerating plant built without being survey by ACS — IACS member or without being surveyed by any classification society and not classed by ACS — IACS member during their service, but subsequently classed by the Register;

REF★ — for a refrigerating plant built according to the rules of ACS — IACS member, surveyed by that society during construction and subsequently classed by the Register, if the refrigerating plant does not fully comply with the requirements of Part XII "Refrigerating Plants".