



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 312-09-1845c

dated 28.10.2022

Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2022, ND No. 2-020101-152-E and the Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Fixed Offshore Platforms, 2022, ND No. 2-020201-019-E

Item(s) of supervision:

self-elevating and semi-submersible units under construction and in service, technical documentation

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships and Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Fixed Offshore Platforms

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships and the Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Fixed Offshore Platforms 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 survey of self-elevating and semi-submersible units in service requested from the entry-into-force date of amendments.
 3. Upon receipt of the customer's request, apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during review of the technical documentation on self-elevating and semi-submersible units requested for review before 15.11.2022.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

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

Part I: Table 2.5;

Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Fixed Offshore Platforms:

Part I: paras 1.2.1 and 2.5.1

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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	Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, Part I, Table 2.5	In item 1.19, descriptive notations Self-elevating unit and Semi-submersible unit have been introduced	312-09-1845c of 28.10.2022	15.11.2022
2	Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Fixed Offshore Platforms, Part I, para 1.2.1	New definitions "Semi-submersible unit" and "Self-elevating unit" have been introduced	312-09-1845c of 28.10.2022	15.11.2022
3	Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Fixed Offshore Platforms, Part I, para 2.5.1	Descriptive notations Self-elevating unit and Semi-submersible unit have been introduced in the list of descriptive notations	312-09-1845c of 28.10.2022	15.11.2022

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

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PART I. CLASSIFICATION

2 CLASS OF A SHIP

1 **Table 2.5.** In item 1.19, after the descriptive notation **MODU** the descriptive notations **Self-elevating unit** and **Semi-submersible unit** are introduced reading as follows:

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Self-elevating unit Assigned to offshore platforms, which have movable legs capable of raising their hulls above the surface of the sea and lowering them back into the sea and which perform operations other than drilling, hydrocarbon production, storage or processing	Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of MODU/FOP Load Line Rules for Sea-Going Ships Section 6
Semi-submersible unit Assigned to column-stabilized offshore platforms, which are afloat when in operating condition and which are kept in the horizontal plane by means of anchors, thrusters or other positioning equipment and which perform operations other than drilling, hydrocarbon production, storage or processing	Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of MODU/FOP Load Line Rules for Sea-Going Ships Section 6

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RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS AND FIXED OFFSHORE PLATFORMS, 2022,

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PART I. CLASSIFICATION

1 GENERAL

2 **Para 1.2.1.** After the definition "Semi-submersible MODU" new definition "Semi-submersible unit" is introduced reading as follows:

"Semi-submersible unit is a column-stabilized offshore platform, which is afloat when in operating condition and which is kept in the horizontal plane by means of anchors, thrusters or other positioning equipment and which performs operations other than drilling, hydrocarbon production, storage or processing."

After the definition "Self-elevating MODU" new definition "Self-elevating unit" is introduced reading as follows:

"Self-elevating unit is an offshore platform which has movable legs capable of raising its hull above the surface of the sea and lowering it back into the sea and operations other than drilling, hydrocarbon production, storage or processing."

2 CLASS OF MODU/FOP

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

"2.5.1 If the design of a MODU/FOP is basically the same as one of those defined under 1.2 of this Part and if it complies with the relevant requirements of the MODU/FOP Rules, one of the following descriptive notations is added to the character of classification depending on the MODU/FOP design:

- MODU self-elevating;**
- MODU semi-submersible;**
- MODU submersible;**
- MODU tension leg;**
- Self-elevating unit;**
- Semi-submersible unit;**
- Drilling ship;**
- Drilling barge;**
- FOP gravity;**
- FOP pile;**
- FOP mast;**
- Ice-resistant.**

The descriptive notation in the class notation shall be in English. At the shipowner's discretion it may be written in two languages: English and Russian."