



# RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

**CIRCULAR LETTER**

**No. 312-12-1500c**

dated 19.01.2021

Re:

amendments to the Rules for Technical Supervision during Construction of Ships and Manufacture of Materials and Products for Ships in connection with implementation of new revision of IACS procedural requirement (PR) 1B (Rev.6 Nov 2020) as well as following the audits of RS Branch Offices

Item(s) of supervision:

ships and offshore installations

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part I "General Regulations for Technical Supervision" and Part II "Technical Documentation"

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for Technical Supervision during Construction of Ships and Manufacture of Materials and Products for Ships shall be amended after re-publication in 2021 as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Familiarize the RS surveyors and interested organizations in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity with the content of the Circular Letter.
2. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during review and approval of the technical documentation on ships, materials and products requested for review on or after 01.02.2021, and when performing technical supervision during construction of ships under contracts concluded on or after 01.02.2021, as well as technical supervision during manufacture of equipment/products/machinery requested on or after 01.02.2021.
3. If necessary, the provisions of the Circular Letter may be applied earlier than specified above.

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

Part I: Section 16;

Part II: para 3.17, heading of Section 9, para 9.1

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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    | Part I, Section 16              | New Section has been introduced regarding application of the rules in technical supervision during design and construction of the ship in a double or dual class arrangement in accordance with new revision of IACS procedural requirement (PR) 1B (Rev.6 Nov 2020) | 312-12-1500c of 19.01.2021             | 01.02.2021            |
| 2    | Part II, para 3.17              | Para has been specified in accordance with new revision of IACS PR 1B (Rev.6 Nov 2020)   | 312-12-1500c of 19.01.2021             | 01.02.2021            |
| 3    | Part II, Section 9              | Section has been renamed   | 312-12-1500c of 19.01.2021             | 01.02.2021            |
| 4    | Part II, para 9.1               | Para has been specified regarding activities of the RS Branch Office, which carries out technical supervision during construction, aimed at control of introduction of necessary amendments into documentation approved earlier                                      | 312-12-1500c of 19.01.2021             | 01.02.2021            |

## **RULES FOR TECHNICAL SUPERVISION DURING CONSTRUCTION OF SHIPS AND MANUFACTURE OF MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS FOR SHIPS, 2020,**

### **ND No. 2-020101-130-E**

#### **PART I. GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TECHNICAL SUPERVISION**

1 **New Section 16** is introduced reading as follows:

##### **"16 TECHNICAL SUPERVISION DURING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION IN A DOUBLE OR DUAL CLASS ARRANGEMENT**

**16.1** In case of technical supervision during design and construction in a double class arrangement each classification society acts independently of the other classification society.

**16.2** Technical supervision during design and construction of the ship in a dual class arrangement is governed by the Dual Classification Agreement with due regard for the following:

**.1** in case of technical supervision during design:

Each classification society acts on behalf of the other classification society in accordance with the trilateral agreement adopted by the two societies and the designer. The agreement shall clearly define at least the following modalities:

split of responsibilities between two societies regarding review of drawings;

inventory of rules and other normative documents to be applied;

procedure for agreement/approval as well as resolution of comments raised during documentation review.

Each society shall carry out review and approval of the plan approval documentation in compliance with the signed trilateral agreement;

**.2** in case of technical supervision during construction:

Each classification society acts on behalf of the other classification society in accordance with the trilateral agreement adopted by the two societies and the shipyard.

Each society shall perform the survey during fabrication, construction and testing of the ship in accordance with the trilateral agreement, and/or the bilateral agreement adopted by the two societies, if any.

Each classification society shall share information and records related to new construction such as plan approval including following up and closing of comments imposed, surveys, inspections, witnesses and tests etc., to perform the surveys and verify compliance with the relevant requirements.

Each society shall draw up and issue a Classification Certificate for the ship upon satisfactory completion of new construction survey process in a dual class arrangement."

#### **PART II. TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION**

##### **3 GENERAL**

2 **Para 3.17** is replaced by the following text:

**"3.17** During dual classification of a ship the scope of work and the authority of each society for technical supervision during design, construction of ship, certification of materials and products for ships, and survey upon completion of ship construction are governed by the Dual Classification Agreement (refer to Section 16, Part I "General Regulations for Technical Supervision")."

## **9 DURATION OF VALIDITY OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL (AGREEMENT)**

3      **Section 9** is renamed reading as follows:

**"9 DURATION OF VALIDITY OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL  
(AGREEMENT). PROCEDURE FOR INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS INTO APPROVED  
(AGREED) DOCUMENTATION".**

4      **Para 9.1** is replaced by the following text:

**"9.1**      The period of validity of the Register approval for plan approval documentation as well as technical design is limited by the period of validity of the contract for construction of the ship or series of sister ships.

In this case, it is mandatory to meet the requirements of international conventions and RS circulars with due regard for the dates set for their implementation during construction of ships according to the Register approved technical documentation (refer to 9.5), and the RS Branch Office in charge of technical supervision during construction of the ship checks the implementation. For this purpose, the Branch Office carrying out technical supervision during construction of the ship shall analyse whether the amendments and additions to the RS requirements as well as the RS circulars that came into force after approval (agreement) of design documentation are to be applied to the ship under construction and, if such amendments and additions are applicable, it shall immediately inform the firm, with which the agreement on the classification of ship under construction has been concluded, that they are to be mandatorily adhered to until completion of the ship's delivery, and also monitor adherence to such amendments and additions. Amendments shall be introduced into the technical documentation in accordance with Section 10."