



# RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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**CIRCULAR LETTER**

**No. 312-12-1529c**

dated 18.03.2021

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Re:

amendments to the Rules for Technical Supervision during Construction of Ships and Manufacture of Materials and Products for Ships, 2021, ND No. 2-020101-139-E

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Item(s) of supervision:

ships under construction, equipment, materials, products

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part II "Technical Documentation"

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Director General

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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 as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

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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 19.04.2021, as well as during review and approval of the technical documentation on equipment/products/machinery requested for review on or after 19.04.2021.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part II: paras 3.7, 4.1, Section 7, para 8.3.2

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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	Para 3.7	Requirements have been specified for the RS consideration of the possibility to apply national or international standards as well as standards of firms containing norms and requirements for items of the RS technical supervision	312-12-1529c of 18.03.2021	19.04.2021
2	Para 4.1	Wording of the para has been specified in order to rule out possible double interpretation	312-12-1529c of 18.03.2021	19.04.2021
3	Section 7	Section has been completely revised	312-12-1529c of 18.03.2021	19.04.2021
4	Para 8.3.2	Cases for putting stamps on normative documents have been specified	312-12-1529c of 18.03.2021	19.04.2021

## **RULES FOR TECHNICAL SUPERVISION DURING CONSTRUCTION OF SHIPS AND MANUFACTURE OF MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS FOR SHIPS, 2021,**

### **ND No. 2-020101-139-E**

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

##### **3 GENERAL**

1 **Para 3.7** is replaced by the following text:

**"3.7** The Register can consider the possibility of application of the national or international standards as well as standards of firms containing norms and requirements for items of the Register technical supervision. Such standards may be reviewed in the following cases:

if the Register does not have the standards available, they shall be submitted by the applicants together with the technical documentation on items of the Register technical supervision and reviewed as part of that documentation. The possibility of application of the standards is confirmed by the approval of the mentioned documentation containing, inter alia, the version of the applicable standard;

standards are reviewed during survey of firms and processes. The agreement procedure for such cases is stated in the relevant RS rules and guidelines.

The standards are not reviewed by the Register in isolation from their subjects.

The main provisions concerning agreement of standards and other normative documents are stated in Section 7."

##### **4 TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION ON SHIPS**

2 **Para 4.1** is replaced by the following text:

**"4.1 Distribution of authority to review technical documentation on ships.**

**4.1.1** Plan approval documentation, technical designs, projects involving major conversions of ships, passage of ships, as well as the documentation stated in 3.6 and 3.7 are subject to review and approval by RHO or by the RS Branch Office when duly authorized by RHO.

**4.1.2** The following documents are subject to review by the RS Branch Offices without the RHO authorization:

detailed design documentation for a ship under construction;

projects involving minor conversion (outfitting, modernization);

technical documentation, including documents specified in 4.1.1, on ships of less than 100 gross tonnage (excluding high-speed craft, passenger ships, tankers, tugs, ships designed for carriage of dangerous goods, pleasure craft with passenger capacity more than 12);

operational documentation of ships under construction;

mooring and sea trials programmes.

The gross tonnage shall be taken based on the design ship's tonnage calculation agreed by the Register."

##### **7 NORMATIVE DOCUMENTS**

3 **Section 7** is replaced by the following text:

**"7.1** National and international standards (refer to 3.7) as well as standards of firms and other normative documents shall be submitted for review as part of the works following a request for technical supervision of the subjects of these standards. The standards shall be submitted for

review in full, without excluding their integral parts. The results of considering the possibility of application of the submitted standards shall be finalized by the Register in the following ways:

through the approval of the technical documentation (drawings, specifications, etc.) on the subject of the standards. In this case, the documentation on the subject shall contain references to the applicable standard with indication of its year of publication/version;

through a separate RS conclusion;

by other methods specified in the relevant RS normative documents.

Unless otherwise agreed, no Register stamps are put on the standards.

**7.2** On requests of state bodies and Administrations, firms and organizations, the Register may review newly developed standards prior to their publication. In this case, the Register provides an expert opinion without any conclusion on agreement.

Where drawings have been produced, calculations made and other documents compiled as well as various tests carried out for the purpose of development or revision of the normative document, the Register may require these documentation and test results to be submitted for review.

**7.3** The requirements for the item of technical supervision specified in the normative documentation shall be equivalent to or more strict than those of the Register.

**7.4** If the normative documentation contains relaxation in regard to the scope of requirements as compared to the RS rules (e.g. prescribed tests missing, insufficient scope of non-destructive testing, smaller quantities of samples taken, etc.), the applicant shall amend it or submit additional technical documentation (test programme, drawing, specification, procedure, etc.), taking into account the revealed discrepancy and making up for the missing scope of the required RS technical supervision.

**7.5** The normative documentation on materials shall be reviewed for compliance with the RS normative documents, the publication year of which corresponds to the year of submission of the request for review.

At the request of the applicant, if the scope of requested works involves issuing of RS conclusion/documents of compliance with the RS requirements at the time of completion of the requested works, the normative documentation on materials and results of technical supervision are subject to re-review for compliance with the current requirements of the Register."

## **8 PREPARATION OF RESULTS OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION REVIEW**

4 **Para 8.3.2** is replaced by the following text:

**".2** stamps shown in Figs. 8.2-3 and 8.2-4 are put on the List of Deviations from the RS Rules, preliminary fire plan and other similar documents of a preliminary nature, various calculations, descriptions, technical backgrounds, lists of spare parts, research reports and test results, etc. These stamps may also be put on the normative documents (standards, including the shipyard and firm (manufacturer) standards, specifications, regulations, etc.) if the documents have been developed for a particular project and provide data required within the technical documentation of the project;"