CIRCULAR LETTER  No. 313-13-1247c dated 05.07.2019

Re:
amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2019, ND No. 2-020101-114-E, in connection with coming into force of IACS Unified Interpretations SC156 (Rev.1 Oct 2018)

Item(s) of supervision:
fire protection

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Text of CL:
We hereby inform that in connection with coming into force of IACS Unified Interpretations (UI) SC156 (Rev.1 Oct 2018) 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. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during review and approval of technical documentation of ships contracted for construction or conversion on or after 1 January 2020 (in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2020), as well as during review and approval of technical documentation of ships delivered on or after 1 January 2024.
2. Familiarize the RS surveyors with the content of the Circular Letter.
3. Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the interested organization in the area of RS Branch Offices' activity.

List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:
Part VI: para 2.1.3.2

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PART VI. FIRE PROTECTION

2 STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION

Para 2.1.3.2 is replaced by the following text:

"2.1.3.2 The doors designed in compliance with the requirements of 7.5.2 and 7.12, Part III "Equipment, Arrangements and Outfit" and fitted according to 7.12 of the above mentioned Part, and, in certain cases (e.g., for providing gastightness), if specially agreed with the Register, may be fitted in "A" class bulkheads. As doors fitted in watertight bulkheads of cargo and passenger ships and subject to fire integrity and watertightness requirements, watertight doors may serve but not need to be fire-tested notwithstanding the fire integrity of the division in which they are fitted.

However, such doors fitted above the bulkhead deck on passenger ships shall be tested to the FTP Code in accordance with the fire integrity of the division they are fitted.

If it's not practical to ensure self-closing for the said doors which shall be self-closing, means of indication on the bridge showing whether these doors are open or closed and a notice "To be kept closed at sea" can be alternative of the self-closing.

Where a watertight door is located adjacent to a fire door, both doors shall be capable of independent operation, remotely if required by 7.12, Part III "Equipment, Arrangements and Outfit" and from both sides of each door."