



# RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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**CIRCULAR LETTER**

**No. 313-14-1883c**

dated 13.01.2023

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Re:

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

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Item(s) of supervision:

mobile offshore drilling units and fixed offshore platforms under construction

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part VI "Fire Protection"

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Acting Director General

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that in connection with implementation of IACS Unified Requirement (UR) D11 (Rev.4 Dec 2021) (Corr.1 Dec 2022), 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.

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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 01.02.2023, in the absence of a contract, during review and approval of the technical documentation on ships requested for review on or after 01.02.2023.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part VI: para 4.3.1.1

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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 VI, para 4.3.1.1	Requirements for fixed combustible gas detection and alarm system have been specified in connection with implementation of IACS UR D11 (Rev.4 Dec 2021) (Corr.1 Dec 2022)	313-14-1883c of 13.01.2023	01.02.2023

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

**ND No. 2-020201-019-E**

**PART VI. FIRE PROTECTION**

**4 FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEMS**

**Para 4.3.1.1** is replaced by the following text:

**"4.3.1.1** Fixed combustible gas detection and alarm systems shall be provided to protect the following areas:

- .1** cellar deck;
- .2** drill floor;
- .3** ventilation intake of positive pressure driller's cabin;
- .4** mud pit area;
- .5** shale shaker area;
- .6** enclosed spaces containing the open components of mud circulation system from the bell nipple to the mud pits;
- .7** ventilation intakes of accommodation spaces;
- .8** ventilation intakes of enclosed machinery spaces contiguous to hazardous areas and containing internal combustion engines, boilers, or non-explosion proof electrical equipment;
- .9** air intakes to all combustion engines or machinery, including internal combustion engines, boilers, compressors or turbines, located outside of an enclosed machinery space;
- .10** at each access (door) to accommodation spaces except for access doors forming part of an air-lock which is provided with a gas detection and alarm system;
- .11** near other openings, including emergency egress, of accommodation spaces, regardless if these openings are fitted with self-closing and gastight closing appliances except for emergency egress doors which are fitted with a mechanism to prevent use other than in an emergency (e.g. doors fitted with security seals acting as a deterrent but easily breakable in a real emergency) as well as except for openings which are designed for maintenance and provided with closing appliances of non-opening type, e.g. bolted closed maintenance ways, etc."