We hereby inform that 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. 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 01.07.2022, in the absence of a contract, during review and approval of the technical documentation on ships requested for review on or after 01.07.2022.

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

Part VI: paras 2.5.8, 2.6.10 and 8.4.2
Part XII: paras 8.2.3 and 8.2.4

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PART VI. FIRE PROTECTION

2 STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION

1  Para 2.5.8 is replaced by the following text:

"2.5.8  As a lining material for specially equipped fish-processing shops (for raw fish filleting and washing, refrigerating, canning shops) moisture-resistant plywood with low flame spread characteristics may be used as specified in the FTP Code. For plastic laminated moisture resistant plywood, both composing materials (plywood and laminate) shall have low flame-spread characteristics.

Air spaces enclosed behind ceilings, panellings, or linings shall be divided by close fitting draught stops spaced not more than 14 m apart. In the vertical direction, such air spaces shall be closed at each deck.

Insulating materials of refrigerant piping penetrating spaces of specially equipped fish-processing shops (shops for raw fish filleting and washing, refrigerating, canning shops) shall meet the requirements of 8.2.3, Part XII "Refrigerating Plants".".

2  Para 2.6.10 is replaced by the following text:

"2.6.10  As a lining material for specially equipped fish-processing shops (for raw fish filleting and washing, refrigerating, canning shops) moisture-resistant plywood with low flame spread characteristics may be used as specified in the FTP Code. For plastic laminated moisture resistant plywood, both composing materials (plywood and laminate) shall have low flame-spread characteristics.

Air spaces enclosed behind ceilings, panellings, or linings shall be divided by close fitting draught stops in accordance with 2.6.7.

Insulating materials of refrigerant piping penetrating spaces of specially equipped fish-processing shops (for raw fish filleting and washing, refrigerating, canning shops) shall comply with the requirements of 8.2.3, Part XII "Refrigerating Plants".".

8 REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION OF CARGO SHIPS OF LESS THAN 500 GROSS TONNAGE

3  New para 8.4.2 is introduced reading as follows:

"8.4.2  Structural fire protection of cargo ships constructed from composite materials shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 2, Part VI "Fire Protection" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of High-Speed Craft.".
PART XII. REFRIGERATING PLANTS

8 INSULATION

4 Paras 8.2.3 and 8.2.4 are replaced by the following text:

"8.2.3 The insulating materials used for piping shall be non-combustible in accordance with 1.6.3.1, Part VI "Fire Protection".

This requirement does not apply to insulation of piping arranged within the refrigerated cargo spaces and refrigerated storerooms.

On fishing vessels, combustible materials with low flame spread characteristics in accordance with 1.6.3.5, Part VI "Fire Protection", may be used as an insulation for piping penetrating spaces of specially equipped fish-processing shops (shops for raw fish filleting and washing, refrigerating, canning shops) provided the insulation is coated with galvanized steel sheets.

8.2.4 Vapour barrier coatings and adhesives used in conjunction with insulation as well as insulation of pipe valves need not satisfy the requirements of 8.2.3, provided they are kept to the minimum quantity and their exposed surfaces have low flame spread characteristics in accordance with 1.6.3.5, Part VI "Fire Protection"."