



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

CIRCULAR LETTER

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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

Item(s) of supervision:

welding, welders' certification

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part III "Technical Supervision during Manufacture of Materials"

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.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the RS surveyors, as well as interested organizations and persons in the area of RS Branch Offices' activity.
 2. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter when performing technical supervision on certification centres of welders and during welders' certification if the above services are requested on or after 15.10.2021.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part III: paras 4.2.7 — 4.2.9 and Table 4.5.7-1

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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	Para 4.2.7	Requirements for the necessary documentation for certification centres have been specified	314-04-1629c of 09.09.2021	15.10.2021
2	Para 4.2.8	Requirements for initial qualification of welders have been specified	314-04-1629c of 09.09.2021	15.10.2021
3	Para 4.2.9	Requirements for the necessary documentation for certification centres have been specified	314-04-1629c of 09.09.2021	15.10.2021
4	Table 4.5.7-1	Misprint has been corrected (Russian version of the Rules only)	314-04-1629c of 09.09.2021	15.10.2021

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

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PART III TECHNICAL SUPERVISION DURING MANUFACTURE OF MATERIALS

4 WELDING. REGULATIONS FOR WELDERS' CERTIFICATION

1 **Para 4.2.7** is replaced by the following text:

"4.2.7 All the certification centres engaged in training and/or qualification of welders from external organizations on a profit basis with or without the formation of a legal entity are subject to the Register recognition. Following the results of certification, the Certificate on Firm Conformity (form 7.1.27) is drawn up."

2 **Para 4.2.8** is replaced by the following text:

"4.2.8 The welders' qualification is classified as initial, additional, periodical and occasional.

Subject to initial qualification are welders of 18 years of age or older who have not previously passed approval tests for the welding of objects and equipment under the Register technical supervision, who are certified as welders and who also have undergone the special theoretical and practical training according to the programs drawn up individually for each type of works and for each welding process in actual welding works for which the welder shall be qualified. At that, welders' qualification shall be appropriate and sufficient for undergoing initial qualification.

Additional qualification of welders who had undergone the initial qualification is carried out prior to their approval for performance of works other than those specified in the Welder Approval Test Certificate, as well as after a break over six months in performance of the relevant welding works.

All welders undergo periodical qualification to confirm their skills and prolong the validity period of the Welder Approval Test Certificate in compliance with the requirements of 3.6. The welders are subject to the periodical qualification at least once in two years.

All welders undergo the occasional qualification prior to their approval for performance of welding after the temporary removal from work due to a poor quality and deviations from the welding procedure. The training period for the occasional qualification (for additional education and training) shall be at least a month since the date of being removed from the work.

In additional, periodical and occasional qualification, the special theoretical and practical training extent is established by the qualification panel and shall be individually agreed with the Register."

3 **Para 4.2.9.** Note is deleted.

4 **Table 4.5.7-1.** In the Russian version of the Rules, misprinted value of test piece metal thickness " $3 \leq t \geq 12$ " is replaced by " $3 \leq t < 12$ ".