



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 314-18-1677c

dated 06.12.2021

Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2021, ND No. 2-020101-138-E

Item(s) of supervision:

ship under construction

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part III "Equipment, Arrangements and Outfit"

Director General

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Text of CL:

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 01.01.2022, in the absence of a contract, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 01.01.2022.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part III: para 8.5.4.3

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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 8.5.4.3	Requirement for the angle of slope of fishing vessels has been specified	314-18-1677c of 06.12.2021	01.01.2022

RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEA-GOING SHIPS, 2021

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PART III. EQUIPMENT, ARRANGEMENTS AND OUTFIT

**8 ARRANGEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF SHIP'S SPACES.
OTHER ARRANGEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

Para 8.5.4.3 is replaced by the following text:

"8.5.4.3 Stairways used as means of escape on cargo ships shall be at least 700 mm wide and shall be fitted with a handrail on either side. Stairways with a width of 1800 mm and more shall be fitted with handrails on each side. In cargo ships of less than 500 gross tonnage the width of stairways may be 600 mm. Angle of slope of ladders shall be usually 45° but not greater than 50°, in the machinery and in small spaces — not greater than 60°. In ships of less than 500 gross tonnage and fishing vessels in case of insufficient space at egress from the stairway, the stairways may be installed with the angle of slope of ladders of 55° in accommodation and service spaces, with 60° — on decks. The size of doors providing an access to any stairway shall be of the same size as the stairway."