



# RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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**CIRCULAR LETTER**

**No. 340-04-1650c**

dated 25.10.2021

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Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service, ND No. 2-020101-012, in connection with coming into force of IACS Unified Requirement (UR) Z17 (Rev.16 Aug 2021)

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Item(s) of supervision:

ships and offshore installations in service

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Parts I "General Provisions" and II "Survey Schedule and Scope"

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification Survey of Ships in Service shall be amended at re-publication in 2022 as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

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It is necessary to do the following:

1. Familiarize the RS surveyors and interested organizations in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activities with the content of the Circular Letter.
  2. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during survey of ships and offshore installations in service commenced or continued on or after 01.01.2022.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part I: paras 7.1.3.2 and 7.1.4

Part II: para 2.2.7.8

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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 I, para 7.1.3.2	New type of service with code 22028000 has been introduced in connection with coming into force of IACS UR Z17 (Rev.16 Aug 2021)	340-04-1650c of 25.10.2021	01.01.2022
2	Part I, para 7.1.4	Type of service with code 22027000 has been specified in connection with coming into force of IACS UR Z17 (Rev.16 Aug 2021)	340-04-1650c of 25.10.2021	01.01.2022
3	Part II, para 2.2.7.8	Requirements have been specified in connection with coming into force of IACS UR Z17 (Rev.16 Aug 2021)	340-04-1650c of 25.10.2021	01.01.2022

**RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS IN SERVICE, 2021,**  
**ND No. 2-020101-012-E**

**PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**7 SERVICES PROVIDED BY SERVICE SUPPLIERS AND USED BY RS SURVEYORS  
DURING SHIPS' SURVEY**

1 **Para 7.1.3.2** is replaced by the following text:

"**7.1.3.2** Statutory services provided on MA behalf only, are the services listed in Section 9 of Part I "General Regulations for Technical Supervision" of RTSCS with the following codes (appropriate subtypes of services shall be taken into account):

22005000 — Survey and maintenance of life-saving appliances;

22006000 — Servicing and inspection of radio and navigational equipment;

22008000MK — Inspection and maintenance of self-contained breathing apparatus;

22015000MK — Inspections of low location lighting systems using photo luminescent materials and evacuation guidance systems used as an alternative to low-location lighting systems;

22016000MK — Sound pressure level measurements of public address and general alarm systems on board ships;

22021000MK — Maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear;

22028000 — Commissioning testing of ballast water management systems (BWMS)."

2 **Para 7.1.4** is replaced by the following text:

"**7.1.4** Where the results of the services listed in 7.1.3.1, except those related to codes 22001001, 22002000, 22003000, 22025600 and 2202700 are used by the RS surveyors in making decisions affecting classification, then the service suppliers shall have recognition of the Register or Flag State MA (if applicable).

With respect to services with codes:

22001001 — Category I: firms engaged in thickness measurements under supervision of the RS surveyor on any ship types, other floating facilities (including floating docks, mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs), floating offshore oil-and-gas production units (FPU)), and fixed offshore platforms (FOPs) regardless of their gross tonnage;

22002000 — Tightness testing of hatches, doors, etc. with ultrasonic equipment;

22003000 — In-water survey on ships and offshore installations by diver or remotely operated vehicle (ROV);

22025600 — Survey using remote inspection technique(s) (RIT) as an alternative means for close-up survey of the structure of ships and offshore installations;

22027000 — Watertight cable transit seal systems inspection on ships and offshore installations,

these service suppliers shall mandatorily have the RS recognition. In some cases (e.g. absence of the RS-recognized organization in the area of a ship submittal to survey, impossibility of a service supplier recognized by the Register to get to a place where the service shall be provided, etc.), the RS surveyor may give a permission to perform such works to an organization having a valid recognition of Flag State MA."

## PART II. SURVEY SCHEDULE AND SCOPE

### 2 PERIODICAL SURVEYS

3      **Para 2.2.7.8** is replaced by the following text:

"**2.2.7.8** Cable transits through watertight and fire-resisting bulkheads and decks, as well as extra protection of cables shall be examined.

For ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2021 with regard to cable transits through watertight bulkheads and decks, the RS surveyor shall review the Cable Transit Seal Systems Register in order to confirm that it has been properly maintained by the shipowner (responsible personnel of the crew). Where there are records entered since the last annual survey of any repair, opening out/closing or alterations to the existing (installed) cable transits or installation of new cable transits, the satisfactory condition of their seal systems shall be confirmed by satisfactory results of review of these records and, if deemed necessary, examination of appropriate transits. The results of survey shall be recorded in the Cable Transit Seal Systems Register for each such cable transit."