



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 340-04-1750c

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Re:

amendments to the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service and Annexes thereto, 2022, ND No. 2-030101-009-E, considering the experience of technical supervision

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 II "Carrying Out Classification Surveys of Ships", III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships", Annexes 2 "Instructions for Continuous Survey of Ships " and 40 "Instructions for Procedure for Carrying Out Mandatory Annual Surveys and Tests of Voyage Data Recorders (VDR)/Simplified Voyage Data Recorders (S-VDR), and Recognition of Companies Providing Such Services"

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service and Annexes thereto shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Familiarize the RS surveyors and interested organizations in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity with the content of the Circular Letter.
2. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during surveys of ships and offshore installations in service.

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

Part II: paras 4.2.7.8, 4.2.7.10, 4.9.6, 5.2.3.12 and 7.6.9

Part III: paras 1.8.6.4, 1.8.10.5, chapter 1.12 (deleted), Table 4.1.1.2.16 and para 4.1.6.1.6

Annex 2: para 9.4

Annex 40: para 2.1

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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 II, para 4.2.7.8	Requirements for notification of a shipowner and Flag State MA regarding application of code 15 "Class valid (force majeure)" as well as for updating of the RS database have been deleted	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
2	Part II, para 4.2.7.10	New para has been introduced containing requirements for notification of a shipowner and Flag State MA regarding application of code 15 "Class valid (force majeure)" as well as for updating of the RS database	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
3	Part II, para 4.9.6	Requirements have been specified for notification of a shipowner, Flag State MA and the RS Branch Offices on application of force majeure to a ship	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
4	Part II, para 5.2.3.12	Reference to the applicable requirements has been specified	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
5	Part II, para 7.9.6	Requirements have been specified with regard to change of class status due to accident	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
6	Part III, para 1.8.6.4	Irrelevant reference has been deleted	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
7	Part III, para 1.8.10.5	Reference to the applicable requirements has been specified	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
8	Part III, chapter 1.12	Chapter has been deleted due to loss of relevance	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
9	Part III, Table 4.1.1.2.16	In item 1.2 reference to circular MSC.1/Circ.1277 has been changed to MSC.402(96)	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022

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10	Part III, para 4.1.6.1.6	Requirements have been specified for entries to be made in the Register of Ship's Lifting Appliances and Cargo Handling Gear by a responsible person	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
11	Annex 2, para 9.4	Requirements have been specified in relation to forwarding of a copy of the Report of the Chief Engineer to Ship's File	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022
12	Annex 40, para 2.1	Reference to the applicable requirements has been specified in connection with adoption of IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1040/Rev.2	340-04-1750c of 18.04.2022	15.05.2022

GUIDELINES ON TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF SHIPS IN SERVICE, 2022,

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PART II. CARRYING OUT CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS

4 PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSION, WITHDRAWAL, REINSTATEMENT AND REASSIGNMENT OF RS CLASS

- 1 **Para 4.2.7.8** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.2.7.8** The ship class status may remain in code 15 "Class valid (force majeure)" till the end of force majeure or the nearest port of call of the ship (refer to 4.2.7.1 or 4.2.7.2). The shipowner in turn shall submit to the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision timely information on the end of force majeure or arrival of the ship at the port."

- 2 New **para 4.2.7.10** is introduced reading as follows:

"**4.2.7.10** The shipowner, the Flag State MA and the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision shall be informed on application of force majeure event to the ship in accordance with 4.9.6.

The RS Branch Office for in-service supervision updates "Fleet Register" database (refer to 4.10.4) not later than the following working day after receiving the RHO decision."

- 3 **Para 4.9.6** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.9.6** When decision on application of force majeure to the ship is made (refer to 4.2.7.7), RHO shall notify the Shipowner, the Flag State MA (except for the RF Flag State MA) and the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision with regard to related change of ship's class status. When notifying the shipowner and Flag State MA on application of force majeure, the provisions of 4.2.7.8 shall also be considered."

5 PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SHIPS IN SERVICE INTO THE RS CLASS

- 4 **Para 5.2.3.12** is replaced by the following text:

"**5.2.3.12** For the ships built on 1 January 2007 and after this date, it is necessary to check the availability of the set of as-built drawings on board listed in 5.2.3.10.1 and 5.2.3.10.25.2.3.10.2 (except for a drawing of hatch covers), as well as schemes of ballast and drainage systems with confirmation that all the subsequent alterations in the ship's structure, if they were carried out, are approved by ACS and specified on these drawings (refer to reg. II-1/3-7 of SOLAS-74 as amended)."

7 PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW AND RECORDING OF EMERGENCY OCCURRENCES

- 5 **Para 7.6.9** is replaced by the following text:

"**7.6.9** When, in case of the emergency occurrence, due to force majeure circumstances beyond the shipowner or the Register control, the ship is not in the port (is at sea) or is in the port

where an unforeseen inability of the RS Surveyor to attend the ship occurs, than, in case of a shipowner's request, RS may allow the ship with a valid class to move to the nearest agreed port of call, where the ship will be submitted for the survey due to the emergency occurrence (refer to 4.2.7.2).

RHO may make a decision to provide such an opportunity based on the analysis of the submitted documented information that may include (but not limited to) the MA Flag State permission to continue the voyage, damage stability calculation, calculation of residual structural integrity to confirm the safe operation of ship made by the shipowner or the shipowner's representative or by the company responsible for the safety management, assessment of risks of the forthcoming voyage in compliance with the established safety management procedures (risk identification methods and sequence analysis in compliance with ISO 31010 or national standards, IACS Recommendation No. 127, as applicable), compliance of conformity with the requirements maintained by the port authorities, diving inspection report, Master's statement on the possibility of safe operation of the ship up to the agreed port, etc., that enable not to suspend the ship's class or to revise the decision on suspension of a class after the automatic suspension (refer to 4.1.3.4). In this case, the operation restrictions may be imposed."

PART III. SURVEY OF SHIPS IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, CODES, RESOLUTIONS AND RULES FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF SEA-GOING SHIPS

1 GENERAL

6 **Para 1.8.6.4** is replaced by the following text:

"1.8.6.4 Inspections of the ship's bottom required for the renewal survey that are not conducted in dry-dock may be carried out with the ship afloat. The bottom inspection, regardless of method, shall be carried out within the allowable time window for the Passenger Ship Safety Certificate renewal survey (i.e., within 3 months time window before the expiry date of the Certificate). Additionally, inspections of the outside of the ship's bottom conducted afloat shall only be carried out when the conditions are satisfactory and the proper equipment and suitably qualified staff is available. Rudder bearing clearances need not be taken at the afloat inspections.

Special consideration shall be given to ships of 15 years of age or over before being permitted to credit inspection afloat. For more details refer to 2.5, Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" of the Rules."

7 **Para 1.8.10.5** is replaced by the following text:

"1.8.10.5 Additional (occasional) survey may be carried out upon the Register initiative between dates of periodical and mandatory annual survey (refer to 3.1.8, Part I "General provisions")."

8 **Chapter 1.12** is deleted.

4. SOME INSTRUCTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CARRYING OUT SURVEYS AND ISSUING DOCUMENTS

9 **Para 4.1.6.1.6** is replaced by the following text:

"4.1.6.1.6 All interchangeable components and loose gear and ropes shall be subjected to the thorough examination by a responsible person assigned by the Master of the ship, with intervals prescribed in 12.2.1 of the Rules for Cargo Handling Gear of Sea-Going Ships.

In cases when any defects are found during such an examination, a relevant entry shall be made by a responsible person in Part III of the Register of Ship's Lifting Appliances and Cargo Handling Gear."

10 **Table 4.1.1.2.16.** In item 1.2 the text in the second column is replaced by the following:

"Valid documentation of personnel certified to carry out checks and tests in compliance with MSC.402(96) is available.".

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ANNEX 2

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUOUS SURVEY OF SHIPS

11 **Para 9.4** is replaced by the following text:

"9.4 Copy of the Report of the Chief Engineer on item survey credited as continuous survey (refer to Section 8) shall be forwarded to Ship's File as a part of the set of electronic copies of RS records drawn up based on the results of relevant confirmatory survey.".

ANNEX 40

40. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROCEDURE FOR CARRYING OUT MANDATORY ANNUAL SURVEYS AND TESTS OF VOYAGE DATA RECORDERS (VDR)/SIMPLIFIED VOYAGE DATA RECORDERS (S-VDR), AND RECOGNITION OF COMPANIES PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES

12 **Para 2.1** is replaced by the following text:

"2.1 Annual performance tests of the VDR/S-VDR on ships shall be conducted by the qualified personnel of a recognized firm which has undergone training at the equipment manufacturer and holds the relevant certificates.

Concurrent with VDR/S-VDR testing, the routine maintenance and (if required) replacement of built-in batteries and acoustic beacons shall be carried out. The examination of float-free capsule shall be carried out in accordance with IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1040/Rev.2. These works shall be conducted according to the instructions of the equipment manufacturer.".