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Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service, 2022, ND No. 2-020101-012-E, based on the experience of technical supervision

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ships and offshore installations in service

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service 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 provisions of the Circular Letter during surveys of ships and offshore installations in service.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part II: paras 4.8.2.1.2, 4.8.4.1, 4.8.4.4, 4.8.5.1.1, 4.8.5.2.1.1, 4.8.5.2.4 and 4.8.5.3.1

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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 4.8.2.1.2	Requirements for a ship under the fleet monitoring system have been specified	340-04-1767c of 19.05.2022	19.05.2022
2	Part II, para 4.8.4.1	Requirements for ship keeping out of the fleet monitoring system have been specified	340-04-1767c of 19.05.2022	19.05.2022
3	Part II, para 4.8.4.4	Requirements have been specified regarding the RS actions in case of review by PSC/FSC of the decision on detention of the ship	340-04-1767c of 19.05.2022	19.05.2022
4	Part II, para 4.8.5.1.1	Requirements for a ship to be subjected to the special surveillance regime (SSR) have been specified	340-04-1767c of 19.05.2022	19.05.2022
5	Part II, para 4.8.5.2.1.1	Requirements for the scope of annual survey of the ship under the special surveillance regime (SSR) have been specified	340-04-1767c of 19.05.2022	19.05.2022
6	Part II, para 4.8.5.2.4	Requirements for the ship under the special surveillance regime (SSR) have been specified	340-04-1767c of 19.05.2022	19.05.2022
7	Part II, para 4.8.5.3.1	Requirements for cancellation of the special surveillance regime (SSR) for the ship have been specified	340-04-1767c of 19.05.2022	19.05.2022

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PART II. SURVEY SCHEDULE AND SCOPE

4 OTHER SURVEYS

1 **Para 4.8.2.1.2** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.8.2.1.2** Effective period of fleet monitoring system shall be not less than 12 months. While the ship is under the fleet monitoring system, at least one occasional survey shall be carried out in accordance with 4.8.3."

2 **Para 4.8.4.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.8.4.1** The matters relating to ship keeping out of the fleet monitoring system shall be reviewed by RHO upon the shipowner's written request and in case of simultaneous compliance with the following conditions:

- .1 at least one occasional survey is carried out in accordance with 4.8.3;
- .2 there were no PSC/FSC detentions of the ship in the last 12 months for the reasons associated with deficiencies relating to technical condition of the item of the RS technical supervision;
- .3 the special surveillance regime (SSR) is not applied to the ship."

3 **Para 4.8.4.4** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.8.4.4** Following review by PSC/FSC of the decision on detention of the ship, which was the reason for the fleet monitoring system implementation for it, the ship may be kept out of the fleet monitoring system upon the RHO decision."

4 **Para 4.8.5.1.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.8.5.1.1** The Technical Committee (TC) may take a decision on the ship to be subjected to special surveillance regime (SSR) on the recommendation of the Expertise and Analysis Centre (EAC) or the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision in the following cases:

- .1 the ship covered by fleet monitoring system is detained by PSC/FSC for the reason associated with deficiencies relating to the technical condition of the item of the RS technical supervision;
- .2 it is ascertained that the ship technical condition between periodical surveys prescribed by these Rules is not maintained by the shipowner in full and continued compliance with the applicable RS requirements that may seriously affect the safety of navigation."

5 **Para 4.8.5.2.1.1** is replaced by the following text:

".1 if the prescribed survey is annual, then intermediate classification surveys for all parts of the ship (depending on the ship's age) shall be carried out simultaneously with an in-water survey using underwater television. Thickness measurements of hull structures shall be taken at least of suspect areas identified by the RS surveyor, and of the areas of substantial corrosion recorded in the List of Survey's Status or revealed for the first time.

In case of doubt, based on survey results, concerning the technical condition of the ship or its particular items, the RS surveyor shall require the extent of measurements of wear parameters

and other defects to be increased. The survey of the **ESP** ships shall be carried out according to the programme approved by the Register for the previous special/intermediate survey considering the provisions of 1.3.1.1 of Part III "Additional Surveys of Ships Depending on their Purpose and Hull Material", with thickness measurements to be performed as stated above, without testing tanks and hatch covers for tightness unless otherwise specified by the RS surveyor for the assessment of watertight and weathertight integrity of structures. For thickness measurements and close-up survey of the structures, the safe access shall be provided thereto, safety measures shall be developed by the shipowner and submitted to the RS Branch Office for approval. If measures submitted are not agreed by the Register, the ship shall be submitted for survey in dry dock;"

6 **Para 4.8.5.2.4** is replaced by the following text:

«**4.8.5.2.4** For ships under SSR, the following is prohibited:

- .1 extension of special survey;
- .2 extension of survey of the outside of the ship's bottom, survey of stern tube arrangement and propeller shaft;
- .3 extension of surveys carried out on CSS basis;
- .4 postponement of completion of conditions of class (requirements) imposed previously by the Register.»

7 **Para 4.8.5.3.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.8.5.3.1** SSR may be cancelled by the TC decision. The decision is made in case of receipt of a written request from the shipowner and simultaneous compliance with the following conditions:

- .1 at least two periodical surveys of the ship were carried out in compliance with the requirements of 4.8.5.2.1;
- .2 no PSC/FSC detentions of the ship were carried out in the last 12 months for reasons associated with deficiencies relating to technical condition of the item of the RS technical supervision.
- .3 class of the ship was not suspended during the SSR period for reasons related to noncompliance with the requirements for technical condition of the items of the RS technical supervision.

Note. The SSR duration may be reduced by the TC decision in case of significant improvement of the ship technical condition. In such a case, the above requirements may be waived."