



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 340-04-1838c

dated 12.10.2022

Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service, 2022, ND No. 2-020101-012-E considering IACS Unified Requirement (UR) Z7 (Rev.29 May 2022) and 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 Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope"

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service, 2022 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 survey of ships and offshore installations upon requests submitted on or after the entry-into-force date of the Circular Letter.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part II: para 2.2.2.7, Table 2.4.2.6.2-1, paras 2.5.2, 2.5.4.3, 2.5.4.3.1 and 2.5.4.3.5

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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 2.2.2.7	Requirements have been specified regarding bottom survey of ships, normal operation of which provides positioning on the seabed	340-04-1838c of 12.10.2022	01.01.2023
2	Part II, Table 2.4.2.6.2-1	Requirements have been specified regarding thickness measurements in transverse sections considering IACS UR Z7 (Rev.29 May 2022)	340-04-1838c of 12.10.2022	01.01.2023
3	Part II, para 2.5.2	Requirements have been specified regarding ships of group 2, normal operation of which provides positioning on the seabed	340-04-1838c of 12.10.2022	01.01.2023
4	Part II, para 2.5.4.3	Requirements have been specified regarding ships, normal operation of which provides positioning on the seabed	340-04-1838c of 12.10.2022	01.01.2023
5	Part II, para 2.5.4.3.1	Term "NAABSA regime" has been replaced by the term "the seabed position"	340-04-1838c of 12.10.2022	01.01.2023
6	Part II, para 2.5.4.3.5	Term "NAABSA regime" has been replaced by the term "the seabed position"	340-04-1838c of 12.10.2022	01.01.2023

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PART II. SURVEY SCHEDULE AND SCOPE

2 PERIODICAL SURVEYS

1 **Para 2.2.2.7.** The last paragraph is replaced by the following text:

"ships, normal operation of which provides positioning on the seabed (including ships having distinguishing mark **NAABSA** in the class notation).".

2 **Table 2.4.2.6.2-1 (second column). Item 2** is replaced by the following text:

"2. One transverse section of deck plating within the amidships 0,5L (in way of a cargo space, if applicable)".

Third column. Item 2 is replaced by the following text:

"2. Two transverse sections within the amidships 0,5L (in way of two cargo spaces, if applicable)".

Fourth column. Item 2 is replaced by the following text:

"2. Three transverse sections within the amidships 0,5L (in way of cargo spaces, if applicable)".

3 **Para 2.5.2** is replaced by the following text:

"2.5.2 Ship groups.

Depending on the intervals between bottom surveys, the ships and offshore installations are divided into following groups:

group 1: all ships not related to groups 2 and 3;

group 2: passenger ships:

dynamically supported craft and high-speed craft;

wooden or composite ships;

ships, normal operation of which provides positioning on the seabed (including ships having distinguishing mark **NAABSA** in the class notation);

group 3: steel and reinforced concrete berth-connected ships;

ships designed for navigation in fresh waters only;

ships designed for navigation in confined port waters only;

non-self-propelled ships;

floating facilities designed for long-term positioning on the seabed;

berth-connected passenger ships;

berth-connected nuclear floating facilities.".

4 **Para 2.5.4.3** is replaced by the following text:

"**2.5.4.3** Ships, normal operation of which provides positioning on the seabed (including ships having distinguishing mark **NAABSA** in the class notation).".

5 **Para 2.5.4.3.1** is replaced by the following text:

"2.5.4.3.1 The ability of the ship to operate in the seabed position shall be confirmed by RHO based on appropriate technical background with the relevant record made in the Classification Certificate and List of Survey's Status."

6 **Para 2.5.4.3.5** is replaced by the following text:

"2.5.4.3.5 If the shipowner has submitted a written statement that the ship is not expected to be operated in the seabed position, the intervals of bottom surveys as for group 1 ships or, if applicable, as for group 3 may be established for such ship with appropriate record to be made in the Classification Certificate and List of Survey's Status. Reviewing this matter shall be within the competence of RHO.

In this case, compliance with the shipowner's statement concerning navigation conditions shall be checked by the RS surveyor during subsequent surveys by examining the ship log. The RS surveyor/RS Branch Office who becomes aware of revealed violations of the stated navigation conditions shall immediately inform RHO to review the matter relating to the ship's class status."