**CIRCULAR LETTER**

No. 381-26-1253c  
dated 15.08.2019

Re: amendments to the Guidelines on Survey of Manned Submersibles and Ship's Diving Systems under Construction and in Service, 2018, ND No. 2-030201-008-E

| Item(s) of supervision: | manned submersibles, ship's diving systems |

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**Appendices:**

- Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter
- Appendix 2: text of amendments to Section 3 "Survey of the Manned Submersibles and Ship's Diving Systems in Service"

**Director General**  
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**Text of CL:**

We hereby inform that the Guidelines on Survey of Manned Submersibles and Ship's Diving Systems under Construction and in Service shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter. The amendments will be introduced into the Guidelines at their re-publication.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Familiarize the surveyors of the RS Branch Offices with the content of the Circular Letter.
3. Clarify the content of the Circular Letter to all interested parties in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.

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

para 3.4.4

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### Information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter
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Appendix 1 to Circular Letter
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Para 3.4.4 is replaced by the following text:

"3.4.4 Annual surveys shall be carried out between special surveys (or between initial and special survey) within 3 months before and after each anniversary date of the Classification Certificate.

If an annual survey is completed before the beginning of a specified survey window (early survey), a new anniversary date shall be stated in the Classification Certificate, and the subsequent annual surveys shall be completed at the intervals prescribed by these Guidelines using the new anniversary date. A new anniversary date shall be fixed not later than 3 months after the survey completion date, and a new survey window shall be prescribed (± 3 months), respectively. Thus, the validity date of the Classification Certificate may be changed accordingly, namely, the completion of annual survey before the beginning of a specified survey window (early survey) may lead to the reduction of existing Classification Certificate validity period.

The expiry date of the Classification Certificate may remain unchanged provided annual survey is carried out so that the maximum intervals between the surveys prescribed by the relevant requirements of these Guidelines are not exceeded."