



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

RULE CHANGE NOTICE

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Re: amendments to the Collection of the Rules for Containers (General Regulations for the Technical Supervision of Containers and Rules for Manufacture of Containers), ND No.2-090201-014-E, version 01.03.2026

Instructions on application:

1. Bring the content of the Rule Change Notice to the attention of the RS surveyors, interested organizations and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.
2. Apply the provisions of the Notice in the RS practical activity from the entry-into-force date of the amendments*.

* Provisions of this Notice do not apply for works performed according to the already concluded contracts (contract-requests) on the date of publication of the amendments.

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**AMENDMENTS
TO THE COLLECTION OF THE RULES FOR CONTAINERS, VERSION 01.03.2026**

REVISION HYSTORY

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF CONTAINERS

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Para 1.1.1	Containers	Some definitions have been deleted, some new definitions have been introduced	

RULES FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CONTAINERS

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Part I, note to para 1.5.1.4.5	Manufacturers of offshore containers	Wording of the note to the para has been changed	
Part VI, Table 3.1.6-1	Containers	Footnote 1 has been specified	
Part VII, Chapter 1.1, para 1.1.4 (new)	Manufacturers of offshore containers	New para 1.1.4 has been introduced	
Part VII, para 5.1.2	Offshore containers	Text of the para has been changed	
Part VII, para 8.4.1	Offshore containers	Text of the para has been changed	

**RULES FOR TECHNICAL SUPERVISION DURING
MANUFACTURE OF CONTAINERS, MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS FOR CONTAINERS**

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Section 3, Note to para 3.9.4.1	Containers	Text of the note to the para has been specified	

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Section 5, para 5.11.1.3	Containers	Text of the para has been supplemented	
Section 5, Chapter 5.11, para 5.11.1.5 (new)	Containers	New para 5.11.1.5 has been introduced	
Section 5, Table 5.11.3.2	Containers	Container type has been specified, new note has been introduced	
Section 5, para 5.12.1	Containers	Last sentence of the para has been deleted	

RULES FOR TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF CONTAINERS IN SERVICE

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Section 4, para 4.1.1	Containers	Text of the para has been supplemented	

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF CONTAINERS

1 GENERAL

1.1 DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Para 1.1.1 is amended in alphabetical order as follows:

~~"Modernization is a process of improving the design of a previously approved container, which does not change its type and/or purpose.~~

~~Modification is a process of changing the design of a previously approved container, which changes its type and/or purpose.~~

Modernization is a set of process operations to optimize technical and operational characteristics of a container and (or) the container's elements including installation of additional equipment, while keeping (maintaining) the container's purpose.

Modification (alteration) is a set of process operations that do not change the ship principal characteristics and (or) structural parameters, including changes to bring the ship into compliance with mandatory RS requirements, without which further operation is impossible.

Repair is a set of process operations relating to recovery of the workable condition and operational condition of a container and its items of the RS technical supervision including replacement of container's equipment and (or) its components. Modernization and modification (alteration) of a container are also repair."

RULES FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CONTAINERS

PART I. BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1 GENERAL

1.5 RECOGNITION OF FIRMS (MANUFACTURERS)

Para 1.5.1.4.5. The note is replaced by the following text:

"Note. Firm (manufacturer) of offshore containers shall comply with 1.1.4 of Part VII "Offshore containers"."

PART VI. NON-PRESSURIZED DRY BULK CONTAINERS

3 TESTING

3.1 GENERAL

Table 3.1.6-1. Footnote 1 is amended as follows:

"For BK2 containers, tests of a prototype shall be performed with imitation cargo. If the container is intended to carry cargo with a diameter greater than 5 mm, the particle size of the imitation cargo (sand or other similar cargo) shall not exceed 3 mm. If the size of the cargo intended for transportation is not limited, tests shall be performed with fine powder."

PART VII. OFFSHORE CONTAINERS

1 GENERAL

1.1 APPLICATION

New **para 1.1.4** is introduced reading as follows:

"1.1.4 The firm (manufacturer) of offshore containers shall have valid Quality Management System complying with standard ISO 9001/GOST R ISO 9001 (current version) or an integrated management system."

5 WELDING

5.1 GENERAL

Para 5.1.2. Text of the para is replaced by the following text:

"5.1.2 Welding of main bearing structure elements as well as welding of fork lift pockets to bottom side rails shall be carried out with full penetration welds.

For other bearing structure elements, welding without full penetration welds (fillet welds) may be used subject to special consideration by the Register, having regard to the design and calculations.

Intermittent fillet welding of secondary structure is acceptable. If no welding is possible, in agreement with the RS, it is allowed to use other methods of fastening secondary structure elements."

8 TESTING

8.4 OTHER TESTS

Para 8.4.1. Text of the para is replaced by the following text:

"8.4.1 Container with fork pockets designed for loaded lifting shall be loaded to a total mass of $1,6(R + S)$, with regard for the lifting set mass and lifted using the fork pockets.

Container with fork pockets designed for empty lifting shall be loaded to a total mass of $1,6(T + S)$, with regard for the lifting set mass and lifted using the fork pockets.

No deflections during testing shall be greater than $l/300$ of the length of a measured member. The container shall show no permanent deformation or other damage after testing."

RULES FOR TECHNICAL SUPERVISION DURING MANUFACTURE OF CONTAINERS, MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS FOR CONTAINERS

3 TECHNICAL SUPERVISION DURING MANUFACTURE OF PRODUCTS

3.9 TESTING

Para 3.9.4.1. The note is amended as follows:

"N o t e . Upon agreement with RHO, it is permissible to replace water strength tests with pneumatic tests with ~~NDT of welded joints using the acoustic emission method~~ acoustic emission testing."

5 TECHNICAL SUPERVISION DURING MANUFACTURE OF CONTAINERS

5.11 TESTS

Para 5.11.1.3 is amended as follows:

"**5.11.1.3** Where crackling occurs during the tests, the container shall be carefully examined under sufficient illumination from the inside and outside in order to reveal damages of welds or other structural defects.

In case of damages one shall be guided by Section 4 of the Rules for Technical Supervision of Containers in Service."

New **para 5.11.1.5** is introduced reading as follows:

"**5.11.1.5** Container shall be sent for testing without painting and/or thermal insulation installed. It may be coated with a primer to protect the container against corrosion before tests."

Table 5.11.3.2. Type of containers "Non-pressurized solid bulk containers" is replaced by "Non-pressurized dry solid bulk containers", a new note is introduced reading as follows:

"3. At serial manufacture BK2 containers in accordance with IMDG Code may be tested without imitation cargo subject to completion of prototype tests with satisfactory results. RS may demand to carry out tests with imitation cargo if alterations into bearing structure of container, alteration of assembly process were carried out or due to other reasons effecting alteration of serial specimens in respect of a prototype tested with satisfactory results."

5.12 FINAL ASSEMBLY OF CONTAINER

Para 5.12.1 is amended reading as follows:

"**5.12.1** Correct installation of fittings and thermal insulation shall be checked during final assembly of the container. ~~Herewith painting and/or application of thermal insulation for tank containers and offshore containers shall be carried out only after testing.~~"

RULES FOR TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF CONTAINERS IN SERVICE

4 REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION

4.1 GENERAL

Para 4.1.1. The first paragraph is amended reading as follows:

"**4.1.1** Containers which sustained damages during tests or operation involving impairment of strength performance of bearing structures shall be repaired under the RS technical supervision at RS-inspected or recognized firms."