



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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CIRCULAR LETTER

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dated 14.02.2014

Re:

Introduction of IACS UI SC213 (Rev.2 Nov 2013) "Arrangements for remotely located survival craft" to the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships. Rules for the Cargo Handling Gear of Sea-Going Ships. Load Line Rules for Sea-Going Ships, 2014, ND № 2-020101-078-E

Item of technical supervision:

Cargo ships contracted for construction on or after 01 January, 2014.

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Appendices: Amendments to Part II "Life-saving appliances", Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, 2014.

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Amends Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, 2014.

We hereby inform that in connection with adoption of new revision of IACS UI SC 213 (Rev.2 Nov 2013) introduced into Part II "Life-saving appliances", Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, the following amendments regarding remotely located liferafts on cargo ships have been introduced. The Regulations of the Interpretation shall be applied to cargo ships contracted for construction on or after 01 January, 2014.

The original text is available on the RS website, Section "External Normative Documents", ND No. 1-0221-213-E-A1

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Apply the amendments to the RS Rules attached to the circular letter.
2. The content of this circular letter shall be brought to the notice of the RS surveyors, interested organizations and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.

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Appendix to Circular letter No. 314-41- ~~718~~_c dated 14.02.2014

Amendments to Part II “Life-Saving Appliances”, Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, 2014, in view of IACS UI SC213 (Rev.2 Nov 2013) “Arrangements for remotely located survival craft”.

2.3 ARRANGEMENT OF SURVIVAL CRAFT

2.3.4 The second para shall be deleted.

2.3.7 The second para shall be deleted.

4.2 PERSONAL LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES

4.2.3.3 The words “including remotely located survival craft carried in accordance with 4.1.1.4” shall be deleted.

4.2.4 Para shall be deleted.

New chapter 4.4 shall be introduced to read as follows:

“4.4 Remotely located liferafts

4.4.1 The present Regulations shall be applied to cargo ships contracted for construction on or after 01 January, 2014.

4.4.1.1 Liferafts required by 4.1.1.4 shall be regarded as “remotely located liferafts” with regard to 2.2.2.1.4.

4.4.1.2 The area where these remotely located survival liferafts are stowed shall be provided with:

.1 a minimum number of 2 lifejackets and 2 immersion suits;

.2 adequate means of illumination complying with 2.7.7, either fixed or portable, which shall be capable of illuminating the liferaft stowage position as well as the area of water into which the liferaft shall be launched. Portable lights, when used, shall have brackets to permit their positioning on both sides of the ship;

.3 an embarkation ladder or other means of embarkation enabling descent to the water in a controlled manner as per 2.3.7. A knotted rope shall not be acceptable for this purpose.

4.4.1.3 With regard to the distance between the embarkation station and stowage location of the remotely located liferafts (refer to 4.4.1.1), the embarkation station shall be so arranged that the requirements of 2.4.1.3 can be satisfied.

4.4.1.4 Exceptionally, the embarkation station and stowage position of the liferaft (remotely located liferafts) may be located on different decks provided the liferaft can be launched

from the stowage deck using the attached painter to relocate it to the embarkation ladder positioned on the other deck (traversing a stairway between different decks with the liferaft carried by crew members is not acceptable).

4.4.1.5 Notwithstanding 4.4.1.2, where the exceptional cases mentioned in 4.4.1.4 exist, the following provisions shall be applied:

.1 the lifejackets and the immersion suits required by 4.4.1.2.1 may be stowed at the embarkation station;

.2 adequate means of illumination complying with 4.4.1.2.2 shall also illuminate the area of water where the liferaft is to be embarked;

.3 the embarkation ladder or other means of embarkation as required by 4.4.1.2.3 may be stowed at the embarkation station; and

.4 notwithstanding the requirements in 6.8.3.2, the painter shall be long enough to reach the relevant embarkation station.

4.4.1.6 The length of the embarkation ladder used to board this liferaft (remotely located liferaft) shall be calculated by applying an adverse list of 20°, to the loading condition taken from the approved loading manual which gives the lightest draft at the embarkation station.