



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

HEAD OFFICE

CIRCULAR LETTER

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Re:

IMO resolution MSC.345(91). Adoption of amendments to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as amended

Item of supervision:

Type "B" ships with reduced freeboard and type "A" ships

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Amends Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2014, ND No. 2-020101-077-E

To apply IMO resolution MSC.345(91) in the Register practice, we hereby inform that:

1. IMO resolution MSC.345(91) shall be applied to type "B" ships with reduced freeboard and type "A" ships the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on and after 1 July 2014.
2. The original text of IMO resolution MSC.345(91) shall be posted on the RS internal website in the integrated information system www.imo.su developed by the RS International Affairs Department in section IMO library/Resolutions and decisions of IMO working bodies/Resolutions of IMO Committees/MSC/MSC.345(91).
3. The present Circular Letter shall introduce the following amendments to Chapter 4.2, Part V "Subdivision" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships:
new para 4.2.3.4 shall be introduced reading as follows:
".4 ballast water tanks shall normally be considered to be empty and no free surface correction shall be made for them;";
para 4.2.3.4 shall be renumbered 4.2.3.5 accordingly.

The specified amendments shall be introduced to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2014.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. The above amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships shall be applied during review and approval of technical documentation for type "B" ships with reduced freeboard and type "A" ships.
2. Contents of this Circular Letter shall be brought to the notice of the RS surveyors and interested parties and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices activity.

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