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HEAD OFFICE

CIRCULAR LETTER

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Re:

Implementation of the requirements of IMO resolutions MEPC.264(68) and MSC.385(94) "International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code)" to Section 7, Part XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation Specifying Structural and Operational Particulars of Ships" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2016, ND No2-020101-087-E.

Item of supervision:

Ship operated in Polar waters

Implementation upon receipt

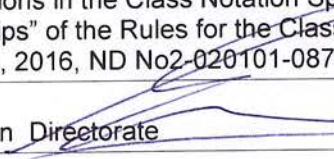
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Appendices: Amendments to Section 7, Part XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation Specifying Structural and Operational Particulars of Ships" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2016, ND No2-020101-087-E.

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Amends Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships

We hereby inform that in connection with application of the requirements of IMO resolutions MEPC.264(68) and MSC.385(94), the amendments mentioned in the Appendix to this Circular letter shall be introduced to Section 7, Part XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation Specifying Structural and Operational Particulars of Ships" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2016, ND No2-020101-087-E.

Above mentioned amendments shall come in force on 1st January, 2017.

It is necessary to do the following:

- 1) Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during review of technical documentation since 1 January, 2017.
- 2) Bring the content of the circular letter to the notice of the surveyors of the RS Branch Offices and interested organizations in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.

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Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2016, ND No2-020101-087-E
Part XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation Specifying
Structural and Operational Particulars of Ships"

Chapter 7.4 shall be supplemented with paras 7.4.6, 7.4.6.1 and 7.4.6.2 reading as follows:

"7.4.6 Signal means.

7.4.6.1 Manually operated flashing red light visible from astern to indicate when the ship is stopped shall be provided onboard. This shall be capable of use from any location from which the ship can be maneuvered. The flashing light shall have a range of visibility of at least 2 nautical miles. Construction and characteristics of the light shall meet the applicable requirements of 3.1.6 and 3.2.1, Part III "Signal Means" of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships. Arc of visibility in horizontal and vertical plane shall be the same as for stern lights in compliance with 3.1.2, Part III "Signal Means" of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea Going Ships.

7.4.6.2 The light specified in 7.11.6.1 shall be effective at design ambient temperature or at the temperature stated in 3.1.3.3, Part III "Signal Means" of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships (whichever is lower)».

Chapter 7.9 shall be supplemented with paras 7.9.1.4 and 7.9.2.1.14 reading as follows:

"7.9.1.4 Sufficient emergency rations for the maximum expected time of rescue shall be provided onboard",

"7.9.2.1.14 Immersion suits shall be of the insulated type."