



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 313-06-947c

dated 28.10.2016

Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2017, ND No. 2-020101-095-E, in connection with coming into force of the provisions of the IACS Unified Interpretation (UI) SC275 (Rev. 1 Sept 2016).

Item of technical supervision:

Fire-fighting outfit

Implementation from 01.01.2017

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Appendices: text of the amendments to the Rules

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Amends Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2017, ND No. 2-020101-095-E

We hereby inform that in connection with coming into force of the provisions of IACS UI SC275 (Rev. 1 Sept 2016), para 5.1.15.2 of Chapter 5.1 "Fire-Fighting Outfit", Part VI "Fire Protection" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2017, ND No. 2-020101-095-E shall be amended as specified in the Appendix to the Circular Letter.

Text of IACS UI SC275 (Rev.1 Sept 2016) in English is posted on the RS internal website in the Section "External Normative Documents", 02 "Documents of IACS", 0221 SC. The attached amendment to the RS Rules shall apply to all ships from 01.01.2017.

In compliance with IACS UI SC275 (Rev.1 Sept 2016), when the ship is not fitted with the means of recharging breathing apparatus cylinders, at least one set of spare cylinders for each mandatory breathing apparatus shall be provided on board to replace those used for fire drills, unless additional spare cylinders are required by the shipboard safety management system (SMS).

"Set of cylinders" means the number of cylinders which are required to operate the breathing apparatus. No additional cylinders are required for fire drills for breathing apparatus sets required by Reg. II-2/19 of SOLAS-74, as amended, Section 7 of the above Part of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2017, ND No. 2-020101-095-E, IMSBC Code, the IBC Code or IGC Code.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Apply the requirements given in the Appendix to the Circular Letter in the RS practical activity.
2. Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the RS surveyors, shipowners 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,
2017, ND No. 2-020101-095-E**

Part VI. Fire protection

The Annotation shall be amended to read:

"Chapter 5.1: para. 5.1.15.2 has been amended in connection with coming into force of the provisions of IACS UI SC275 (Rev. 1 Sept 2016).".

Section 5. Fire-fighting outfit, spare parts and tools.

11 and 12 sentences of paragraph 7 shall be amended to read:

"A suitable number of spare cylinders" to be carried on board to replace those used for fire drills shall be at least one "set of cylinders" for each mandatory breathing apparatus, unless additional spare cylinders are required by the shipboard safety management system (SMS). No additional cylinders are required for fire drills for breathing apparatus sets required by Section 7 of this Part, IMSBC Code, the IBC Code or IGC Code".