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Amends the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, 2017, ND No. 2-020101-094-E.

We hereby inform that the definitions "Deviation" and "Equivalence" shall be introduced to the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, 2017, ND No. 2-020101-094-E; that the term "Equivalents" shall be replaced by the term "Deviations from the Register rules" specifying their review procedure.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Familiarize surveyors of the RS Branch Offices and interested organizations in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity with the content of the Circular Letter.
1. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter to the RS practical activity.

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Appendix to Circular Letter

**GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND OTHER ACTIVITY, 2017,
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1.1 DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Chapter 1.1 shall be supplemented with the following definitions:

"Deviation is the use of equipment, material, arrangements, device or design solutions other than those prescribed by the classification requirements of the RS rules and duly approved by the Register.

Equivalence is the use of equipment, material, arrangements, device or design solutions other than those prescribed by the international statutory requirements or approved by the Flag State MA in compliance with the requirements of SOLAS and MARPOL Conventions."

1.3 RULES

Para 1.3.4 shall be amended to read:

"**1.3.4** Deviations from the Register rules.

1.3.4.1 The Register may allow to use materials and products, ship structures and their separate arrangements, other than those required by the rules, the equivalent level of safety provided effective as specified by the RS classification requirements.

In the above cases, data shall be submitted to the Register enabling to ascertain that the materials, structures and products in question meet the requirements ensuring the ship safety, safety of life at sea, safe carriage of goods by sea and by inland waterways as well as ecological safety of the environment.

1.3.4.2 Where the structure of a ship, machinery, arrangements, installations, equipment and outfit or the materials used cannot be recognized as being adequately verified in service, the Register may require special tests to be held during construction and, in case of a ship in service, may reduce intervals between periodical surveys or extend the scope of these surveys.

If the Register considers it necessary, appropriate restrictive entries may be made in the classification or other certificates issued by the Register and in the Register of Ships. The restrictions are withdrawn subsequent to satisfactory results obtained in service."