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HEAD OFFICE

CIRCULAR LETTER

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Re:

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

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

We hereby inform that the term "Equivalents" shall be replaced by the term "Deviations from the Register rules" specifying their review procedure; that the procedure for review of the alternative design and arrangements in compliance with the classification requirements and those of international conventions shall be specified in the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2017, ND No. 2-020101-095-E.

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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RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEA-GOING SHIPS, 2017
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Part I. CLASSIFICATION

3.1 GENERAL

Para 3.1.5 shall be amended to read:

"**3.1.5** When alternative design and arrangements being applied on board, deviate from the RS classification requirements, an engineering analysis shall be submitted for the Register approval with a technical justification demonstrating that the alternative design solutions and arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that stipulated by the RS relevant requirements.

During the review of alternative design and arrangements under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) (IMO resolution MSC.216(82)), one shall be guided by the provisions of Regulations II-1/55, II-2/17 and III/38 of the Convention with regard to IMO circulars MSC/Circ.1002 and MSC.1/Circ.1212."

3.2 PLAN APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION

Paras 3.2.2.6 and 3.2.2.7 shall be amended to read:

".**6** list of deviations from the RS rules with references to the relevant RS letters of their approval (refer to 1.3.4 of the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity) – if any (**);

".**7** an engineering analysis of the alternative design solutions and arrangements (refer to 3.1.5) – if any (**);".