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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 in connection with coming into force of IACS Unified Interpretation (UI) SC227
(Rev.2 Nov 2016) "The dedicated seawater ballast tanks in SOLAS Chapter II-1 (Regulation 3-2)"

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ships under construction

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Director General

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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 a new revision of IACS UI SC227 (Rev.2 Nov 2016) "The dedicated seawater ballast tanks in SOLAS Chapter II-1 (Regulation 3-2)" will come into force on 1 July 2017. This new revision of IACS UI SC227 (Rev.2 Nov 2016) amends the scope of application of the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC) (IMO resolution MSC.215(82)). Due to the above, 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. These amendments shall be implemented on ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2017. The original version of a new revision of IACS UI SC227 (Rev.2 Nov 2016) is posted on the RS internal website in the Section "External Normative Documents" and on the IACS official website: www.iacs.org.uk

The above amendments will be introduced into the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships at the re-publication.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during review and approval of technical documentation.
2. Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the RS surveyors, interested organizations and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.

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PART XIII. MATERIALS

6.5 PROTECTIVE COATINGS

Para 6.5.1.1 shall be amended to read:

"6.5.1.1 Epoxy-based coatings or equivalent shall be applied to the inner surfaces of ballast tanks in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Light colours of the coatings are the most preferable.

6.5.1.1.1 For ships covered by SOLAS-74 with regard to IMO resolution MSC.216(82), all dedicated seawater ballast tanks arranged in ships and double-side skin spaces arranged in bulk carriers shall be coated in accordance with the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (IMO resolution MSC.215(82)).

The following tanks shall not be considered to be dedicated seawater ballast tanks and shall therefore be exempted from the application and requirements of IMO resolution MSC.215(82):

ballast tanks identified as "Spaces included in Net Tonnage" in the 1969 ITC Certificate;

sea water ballast tanks in passenger ships also designated for the carriage of grey water or black water confirmed by the coating manufacturer to be resistant to the media stored in these tanks and provided such coatings are applied and maintained according to the coating manufacturer's procedures;

sea water ballast tanks in livestock carriers also designated for the carriage of the livestock dung confirmed by the coating manufacturer to be resistant to the media stored in these tanks and provided such coatings are applied and maintained according to the coating manufacturer's procedures."