



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, 2017, ND No. 2-020101-096-E

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sea-going ships under construction

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Director General

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Amends Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, 2017,
ND No. 2-020101-096-E

We hereby inform that to improve the RS normative documents Part III "Signal Means" of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, 2017, ND No. 2-020101-096-E shall be amended as stated in the Appendix to the Circular Letter.

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.
2. Apply the above requirements in the RS practical activity.

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PART III. SIGNAL MEANS

2.3 EQUIPMENT OF GROUP II SHIPS

Para 2.3.2 shall be amended to read:

“**2.3.2** Ships of Group II may use either electric or oil lights. These ships are not required to have a set of spare lights (except for a spare oil anchor light, in case of no emergency source of power on board the ship, as well as the masthead lights, sidelights and stern lights on board power-driven ships). In power-driven ships spare masthead lights, sidelights and stern lights shall be installed in regular positions or duplicated electric lights (navigation lights with two light sources one of which is supplied from the ship's mains and the other from an emergency source of power) shall be used.

Spare masthead lights, sidelights and stern lights of the ships, which operation is restricted by harbour water areas, may be stored ashore.”.

4.2 MAIN NAVIGATION LIGHTS IN SHIPS OF GROUP I

Para 4.2.2.1 shall be amended to read:

“**4.2.2.1** A light containing a green light shall be carried on the starboard side, another one containing a red light shall be carried on the port side, both lights being placed in parallel, in one line perpendicular to, and at the same distance from, the centreline of the ship.

In power-driven ships, which carry two masthead lights, the sidelights shall be placed abaft the forward masthead light and above the hull at a height of not greater than three quarters of the height of the forward masthead light, their positions being chosen so that the lights of sidelights are not mixed with deck lights and so as to most prevent the lights from being flooded with water.

In power-driven ships, the sidelights shall be placed at a distance of not more than 10 per cent of the ship's breadth inboard from the side plating, up to a maximum of 1 m. Where application of the above requirement is impracticable, e.g. small ships with superstructure of reduced width, the sidelights may be placed at a distance of more than 10 per cent of the ship's breadth.

If a ship carries one masthead light, sidelights may be placed in front of it.

When due to constructional features it is not possible to locate the sidelights on the navigation bridge wings, they may be fitted on other deck of the ship in compliance with the other requirements of 4.2.2.”.