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Appendix 1: Information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part I "General Provisions", Part II "Carrying out Classification Surveys of Ships" and Part III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships"

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service shall be amended as specified in the Appendix to the Circular Letter.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Familiarize the RS surveyors and interested organizations in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity with the content of the Circular Letter.
2. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during surveys of ships and offshore installations

List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections

Part I: Chapter 2.1, paras 3.1.1.7, 3.3.1, 3.4.2.2.1, 6.4, 7.6, 7.14.2, heading of Section 4;

Part II: paras 2.2.4.2.4.1.1, 2.4.4.2, 2.4.4.4, 2.5.5.16, 2.5.9.2, 2.5.9.3, 2.5.9.4, 2.5.9.5, 2.5.9.7, 3.4.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.9, 7.6.5;

Part III: Chapter 1.2, paras 3.2.1, 4.2.1.5.2, 4.2.2.4.2.3, 4.2.2.4.2.11, 4.2.2.4.3-4.2.2.4.6, 4.2.2.5.2.1, 4.2.3.4.1.4.5

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No s.	Amended paras/chapters/sectios	Information on amendments	Number and date of the Circular Letter	Entry-into-force date
1	Part I, Chapter 2.1	Definition of "Repair" has been amended due to requests by law enforcement authorities	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
2	Part I, para 3.1.1.7	Text of the 2nd paragraph has been deleted from para 3.1.1.7 since the information duplicates para. 3.1.1.8 of this Part	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
3	Part I, para 3.3.1	Due to cancellation of ND No. 2-120104-008 "Procedure for Responding to Port State Control", the reference to this ND in the first and second paragraphs has been replaced by the reference to the "Procedure for prevention of ship detentions and arrangement of surveys based on results of port/flag state ship inspections"	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
4	Part I, para 3.4.2.2.1	Clarifications have been specified concerning the photo-report optimization	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
5	Part I, Section 4	Section 4 has been renamed	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
6	Part I, para 6.4	The amendments have been made concerning the requirements to be performed prior to the ship departure, other than the Report on Survey of the Ship (Form 6.3.10) and other RS Reports (Forms 6.3.32. and 6.3.34)	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
7	Part I, para 7.6	Correction has been made for introducing the statutory requirement to the Statutory Section of the Survey's Status	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
8	Part I, para 7.14.2	Correction has been made to delete reference to 7.6 as not applicable.	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
9	Part II, para 2.2.4.2.4.1.1	Amendments have been made concerning the attendance of the RS surveyor during testing of fire extinguisher in operation	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
10	Part II, para 2.4.4.2.	Clarifications have been made concerning the application of the IMO circulars related to technical maintenance, inspections, examinations and tests of fire-fighting systems and equipment	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019

11	Part II, para 2.4.4.4.	Editorial amendments have been made concerning the references to the ND paras	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
12	Part II, paras 2.5.5.16, 2.5.9.2, 2.5.9.3, 2.5.9.4, 2.5.9.5, 2.5.9.7	The procedure for the RS records drawing up based on the results of the refrigerating plant survey has been amended	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
13	Part II, para 3.4.1	The procedure for the RS records drawing up for the ships under repair has been amended, the form number of the Minutes of Meeting has been specified, the necessity of duplicating the information on the meeting in the various RS records has been deleted	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
14	Part II, paras 4.3.2, 4.3.9	The terms of payment of the RS invoices due to changes in the General Conditions for Rendering Services by Russian Maritime Register of Shipping have been specified	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
15	Part II, para 7.6.5	The procedure for reviewing the emergency occurrence cases has been specified	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
16	Part III, para 3.2.1	The IGF Code application has been specified	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
17	Part III, para 4.2.2.4.2.3	The note to para 4.2.2.4.2.3 has been deleted, the specified note has been introduced at the end of para 4.2.2.4.2.10	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
18	Part III, para 4.2.2.4.2.10	Para 4.2.2.4.2.10 has been supplemented with the note from para 4.2.2.4.2.3, text of the specified note has been amended in compliance with the note to para 3.2.10 of IACS UR No.28	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
19	Part III, paras 4.2.2.4.3 – 4.2.2.4.5	New paras have been introduced in compliance with paras 3.3 – 3.5 of IACS UR No.28	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
20	Part III, para 4.2.2.4.6.	Para 4.2.2.4.3 (existing) has been renumbered 4.2.2.4.6	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
21	Part III, para 4.2.2.5.2.1	The procedure of issuing the RS reports, check-lists in case of flag changing has been specified	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019
22	Part III, para 4.2.3.4.1.4.5	The List of detainable deficiencies/defects has been specified	340-25-1212c 08.04.2019	08.04.2019

**GUIDELINES ON TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF SHIPS IN SERVICE
ND No. 2-030101-009-E**

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2 DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

1 **Para 2.1.** The definition "Repair" is replaced by the following text:

"Repair is a set of measures relating recovery and/or maintenance of compliance to the applied Register Rules of the ship's items subject to the Register technical supervision. Submittal of particular items to the survey (as well as in dismantled condition) is not a repair."

**3 OUTLINES OF THE REGISTER ACTIVITIES PERTINENT TO THE TECHNICAL
SUPERVISION OF SHIPS IN SERVICE**

2 **Para 3.1.1.7** is replaced by the following text:

"**3.1.1.7** The Register may expertise as well as carry out an examinations of technical issues, which are within the scope of its activities. "

3 **Para 3.3.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**3.3.1** The scope and procedure of surveys for ships in case of ship's detentions are determined by the directions of the Flag State MA. In case of absence of particular instructions from the Flag State MA, the applicable provisions of the Procedure for prevention of ship detentions and arrangement of surveys based on results of port/flag state ship inspections. These occasional surveys are obligatory and are normally carried out by the request of the Shipowner in the port where the ship has been detained. If no request is made, the Register reserves the right to attend on board the ship on the initiative of the RS Branch Office carrying out the survey in compliance with 3.1.8. If the ship leaves the port of detention without being submitted to the Register surveys the RS Branch Office performing the survey shall promptly contact the Shipowner and agree upon the time and place of the prescribed survey in accordance with the directions of the ship's Flag State MA and/or provisions of the Procedure for prevention of ship detentions and arrangement of surveys based on results of port/flag state ship inspections."

4 **Para 3.4.2.2.1** is replaced by the following text:

".1 general view of the ship from the bow and stern ends with the visible ship's name, load line marks;"

4 MAIN PRINCIPLES OF THE REGISTER ACTIVITY ON TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF SHIPS IN SERVICE

5 Section 4 is renamed by the following text:

"4 PROCESS OF CARRYING OUT REQUESTS FOR SURVEY OF SHIPS"

6 DOCUMENTS DRAWN UP BY THE REGISTER

6 **Para 6.4** is replaced by the following text:

"**6.4** All the set requirements shall have a deadline in the form of a periodical or occasional survey (refer to Annex 17). The requirements to be fulfilled prior to the ship departure shall be recorded in the Report on Survey of the Ship (Form 6.3.10), or, where necessary, in the Report on Occasional Survey of the Ship in connection with an Accident (Form 6.3.32) in the Report on Survey of the Ship inspected by Port or Flag State Authorities (Form 6.3.34) and officially submitted on board immediately after their issue."

7 ASSIGNMENT OF OCCASIONAL SURVEYS

7 **Para 7.6** is replaced by the following text:

"**7.6** Generally, requirements relating both to the RS rules, and international conventions (stability, strength, fire protection etc.) shall be registered in the Classification Surveys Section of the List of Survey's Status. When, in case it is necessary to issue the appropriate Conditional Statutory Certificate (short-term statutory certificate) in compliance with the requirements of the Flag State MA, this requirement shall be introduced in the Statutory Section of the List of Survey's Status. Thus, it does not need to be duplicated in the Classification Surveys Section of the List of Survey's Status."

8 **Para 7.14.2** is replaced by the following text:

".**2** if any new accepted requirement of the international convention or national requirement of the Flag State is applied to the ship in service, then this requirement shall be registered as Memoranda for Shipowners and Surveyors in section "Statutory Certificates and Surveys" of the List of Survey's Status with the due date determined by the new requirements."

PART II: CARRYING OUT CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS

2 INSTRUCTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CARRYING OUT CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS AND REFRIGERATING PLANTS

9 **Para 2.2.4.2.4.1.1** is replaced by the following text:

".**1** at intervals not exceeding 5 years at least one extinguisher of each type manufactured in the same year and kept on board ship shall be operationally tested by the crew (with issuing the appropriate Report to be submitted to the RS surveyor). Where necessary, the RS surveyor may require to carry out such testing under the RS technical supervision (at least one extinguisher)."

10 **Para 2.4.4.2** is replaced by the following text:

"**2.4.4.2** The scope of a special survey of ship's fire protection items is given in 2.4.4, Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" of the Rules. Ships engaged in the international voyages shall comply with the instructions given in IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1432 "Revised Guidelines for the Maintenance and Inspection of Fire Protection Systems and Appliances" as amended (IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1516 concerning testing of automatic sprinkler fire protection systems etc.). In case of additional requirements of Flag State MA, the requirements of Flag State MA shall prevail. For ships not engaged in the international voyages, the instructions of the above IMO Circulars shall apply where feasible and practical."

11 **Para 2.4.4.4** is replaced by the following text:

"**2.4.4.4** In addition to the above in 2.4.4.1 – 2.4.4.3 instructions and recommendations on inspections, examinations and tests of fire-fighting systems and equipment which are carried out during ship's special surveys, are given in 2.4.4.4.1 to 2.4.4.4.3.3 below."

12 **Para 2.5.5.16** is replaced by the following text:

"**2.5.5.16** At special surveys of the classed refrigerating plant, operation test of the latter shall be carried out in order to check the capability of achieving and maintaining the specified temperatures in refrigerated spaces, freezing apparatuses and other cooling devices.

During these tests, the temperature in refrigerated spaces shall reach the lowest specified level and be maintained during 16 hours. Time of obtaining the lowest specified temperature in each refrigerated space shall be recorded in the Check-list of STORM system survey (Form 6.1.01) or, where applicable, in Report on Survey of Classed Refrigerating Plant (Form 6.3.47). During the tests, the functioning of automatic control and regulation, as well as of local (manual) control, if any, shall be checked.

Temperature in cargo refrigerated spaces shall be measured each hour. Temperature variations in these spaces shall not exceed the parameters specified by the technical requirements for the refrigerating plant for the specific conditions of its operation. In the absence of such requirements, the temperature variations shall be within ± 2 °C.

Upon completion of operation tests, the plant shall be shut down and the rise of temperature inside refrigerated spaces, an ambient air temperature and sea water temperature, as well as temperatures in the spaces adjacent to the refrigerated ones shall be measured. Such tests shall also be carried out if the insulation design was changed during the repairs or replacement of the insulation. This check of the refrigerated space insulation for refrigeration loss is carried out for comparing with the results of previous (as-built) tests. Where the Surveyor questions the workmanship of insulation or after the replacement of the equipment affecting the maintenance of specified temperatures in refrigerated spaces, the tests with the simulation of design thermal loading by means of additional heaters may be required in compliance with Appendix 3, Section 11 "Refrigerating plants" of the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships under Construction.

The specified parameters of the operation test shall correspond to the as-built ones."

Para 2.5.9.2 is replaced by the following text:

"**2.5.9.2** Results of annual survey of unclassified refrigerating plant are entered in Check-list of STORM system survey (Form 6.1.01) or, where applicable, in Section 12 of the Report on Annual/Intermediate Survey of Machinery Installation, Systems (Form 6.3.8)."

Para 2.5.9.3 is replaced by the following text:

"**2.5.9.3** Results of the survey of classed refrigerating plant are entered in the check-list of STORM system survey (Form 6.1.01) or, where applicable, in the Report on Survey of Classed Refrigerating Plant (Form 6.3.47). Based in the positive results of the survey, Classification Certificate for Refrigerating Plant (Form 3.1.4) shall be confirmed."

Para 2.5.9.4 is replaced by the following text:

"**2.5.9.4** Results of the special survey of unclassified refrigerating plant are entered in the Check-list of STORM system survey (Form 6.1.01) or, where applicable, in Section 8 of the Report on Special Survey of Machinery Installation and Systems (Form 6.3.13).".

Para 2.5.9.5 is replaced by the following text:

"**2.5.9.5** Results of special survey of classed refrigerating plant, the Report on Survey of Classed Refrigerating Plant are entered in Check-list of STORM system survey (Form 6.1.01) or, where applicable, in the Report on Survey of Classed Refrigerating Plant (Form 6.3.47), and the new Classification Certificate for Refrigerating Plant (Form 3.1.4) shall be issued provided the survey results are satisfactory.".

Para 2.5.9.7 is replaced by the following text:

"**2.5.9.7** Results of initial survey of an unclassified refrigerating plant are entered in Check-list of STORM system survey (Form 6.1.01) or, where applicable, in the Report on Survey of Machinery Installation, Systems after Completion of Ship Construction/Initial Survey (Form 6.3.3) and for a classed refrigerating plant in Check-list of STORM system survey (Form 6.1.01) or, where applicable, in the Report of Survey of Classed Refrigerating Plant (Form 6.3.47) whereupon the Classification Certificate for Refrigerating Plant (Form 3.1.4) shall be issued.".

13 **Para 3.4.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**3.4.1** Where appropriate, when conducting the Meeting prior to survey/repair of the items of the RS technical supervision is required by the Rules (for example, 2.3.1.8, 2.4.1.8 and 2.5.9, Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" of the Rules; 5.5.1 of Appendix 2 to the Rules, etc.), the Minutes of Meeting on planning and arrangement of ship's survey (Form 6.6.2) shall be issued.

Upon the results of preliminary examination before repair the RS surveyor shall issue and submit to the ship for the repair period a Report on Survey of the Ship (Form 6.3.10) or a Record Book of Technical Supervision (Form 6.3.48r or Form 6.3.48e, as appropriate) shall be issued.

When the ship is under repair including when it is being under intermediate or special survey, the above specified RS records shall reflect the following:

confirmation that the shipowner's representative, appointed for repair and being in charge of execution of repair has been made conversant and agrees with the applicable requirements of the RS rules, international conventions, codes and instructions of the Flag State MA;

sequence and stages of repair works and testing; facts of the RS surveyor attendance of the ship under repair and results of each visit;

remarks made by the RS surveyor and conditions imposed before the ship repair is completed;

confirmation of elimination of the earlier recorded remarks and compliance with the requirements.

If the Record Book (Form 6.3.48r or Form 6.3.48e, as applicable) has not been drawn up, in order to reflect the progress of repair and for the traceability of the RS surveyor's actions, a separate Report (Form 6.3.10) shall be drawn up by the surveyor (or a group of surveyors) at every attendance of the ship specifying information on the RS surveyors, purpose, circumstances and results of each attendance, the remarks made and the imposed requirements. Check-list (Form 6.1.0.1) can be used instead of the Reports (Form 6.3.10), which shall contain the same information as in the Reports (Form 6.3.10), or in the Record Book (Form 6.3.48). In order to avoid loss of information on the progress of repair works it is recommended that all the Reports (Form 6.3.10), and the Record Book (Form 6.3.48) issued to the ship with endorsement on receiving the original items by the shipowner's authorized representative be kept either in electronic format or in a hard copy. The shipowner or its authorized representative shall be responsible for keeping the mentioned documents during repair and survey of the ship.

When supervising the ship repair the RS surveyor shall assume that the shipowner or its authorized representative is acknowledged and agrees with the expected scope of survey,

specified in the applicable requirements of the RS rules, international conventions, codes and the Flag State MA instructions. The RS documents issued by the surveyor upon the results of the preliminary examination before repair might not contain limiting scope of all the applicable examinations, checks and tests (in separate cases such information is contained in the Reports issued by external companies or the ship's crew).

Provided the survey results, the assessment of technical condition included, the repair of the items of technical supervision is required, the surveyor shall follow the provisions of Appendix 17 to the Guidelines with respect to imposing requirements. The survey results including actions taken shall be documented in a chronological sequence and by completeness of actions so that they can be verified promptly."

14 **Para 4.3.2** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.3.2** In case of unsettling issued accounts within 30 days from the date of their issue, a record shall be made in the Classification Section "Additional Information to the Shipowner and Surveyor" of the List of Survey's Status in automatic mode stating that the shipowner within the previous 12 months has an overdue payment against the RS exceeding 10 calendar days, including an overdue penalty."

Para 4.3.9 is replaced by the following text:

"**4.3.9** In case of information in the List of Survey's Status that the shipowner within the previous 12 months has an overdue payment against the RS exceeding 10 calendar days, including an overdue penalty, services on current request shall be rendered on the terms of advance payment in the amount specified in para 3.6.1 of the "General Conditions for Rendering Services by RS."

15 **Para 7.6.5** is replaced by the following text:

"**7.6.5** When based on the results of the occasional survey or reviewing the emergency occurrence results in RHO it is revealed that the emergency occurrence is classified as an incident (i.e., the failure or damage of the items of technical supervision have no direct effect on the class retaining conditions), the ship's class shall be reinstated from the moment of such an emergency occurrence."

PART III. SURVEY OF SHIPS IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, CODES, RESOLUTIONS AND RULES FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF SEA-GOING SHIPS

1 GENERAL

16 **Para 1.2** is replaced by the following text:

"**1.2** At renewal, annual, intermediate, periodical survey for renewal/confirmation of the international certificates the applicable requirements of the international conventions, codes and resolutions listed in 1.1, as well as additional guidelines of the Flag State MA, set out on the Survey Division Web-site, Section "Additional Guidelines of flag state MA" shall be used. This documentation possessing the force of law influences administrative activity in a precise way, and represents a sole original instrument stipulating responsibility which might be fixed upon ships in the event of an investigation of any casualty by the PSC, flag state MA, Shipowners and other parties concerned.

At renewal survey of passenger ships carrying more than 36 passengers and constructed prior to 01 October, 1994, the observance of the provisions of reg. II-2/41-1 and 41 of SOLAS- 74/88, as amended by IMO resolution MSC.24(60)) shall be checked."

17 **Para 3.2.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**3.2.1** Surveys for compliance with the requirements of the IGF Code are carried out as stipulated by Section 20 "Survey of Ships other than Liquefied Gas Carriers Utilizing Gas or Other Low Flash Point Fuels", Part III "Additional surveys of ships depending on their purpose and hull material" of the Rules. The Section shall not apply to ships fall into the area of exclusion as stipulated by reg. 56.4 and 56.5 of SOLAS-74, Part G, Chapter II-1, as amended, introduced by IMO MSC.392(95).".

4 SOME INSTRUCTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CARRYING OUT SURVEYS AND ISSUING DOCUMENTS

18 **Para 4.2.1.5.2** is replaced by the following text:

"**4.2.1.5.2** In cases where there are the outstanding statutory conditions previously issued by the losing Society at the date of change of class, a new certificate may be issued by the RS Branch Office subject to the outstanding requirements being met by the due date as specified by the losing Society. The new certificate shall be issued with the appropriate expiry date according to the certificate previously issued by the losing Society.".

19 **Para 4.2.2.4.2.3.** Note to the para is deleted.

1 **Para 4.2.2.4.2.10** in a new paragraph is supplemented by the Note reading as follows:

"Note. If the vessel covered by the Harmonized System of Surveys and Certification (HSSC) changes its flag for the flag of the state not covered by this system, the following provisions shall apply:

if the flag change takes place within 2 years after the initial/ last renewal survey, the annual survey shall be carried out;

if the flag change takes place 2 years after the initial/ last renewal survey the renewal survey shall be carried out.

Particular requirements of the flag state Maritime Administration which are connected with the above mentioned statutory Certificates provisions shall be taken into consideration.".

New **paras 4.2.2.4.3 – 4.2.2.4.5** are introduced as follows:

"**4.2.2.4.3** Concerning other certificates, documents issued on behalf and upon the authorization of the Flag State MA not listed in 4.2.2.4.2, the scope of survey shall comply at least with the scope of the appropriate annual survey.

4.2.2.4.4 If the dates of surveys for issuing new Certificates which will be issued by the gaining Flag State MA or on its behalf coincide with the period of carrying out the prescribed surveys, then the corresponding renewal/ intermediate/ periodical/ annual survey shall be carried out. The attending circumstances shall be taken into consideration to avoid the ungrounded type of the survey (for example, docking the ship for the survey in connection with the renewal of the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate, etc.).

4.2.2.4.5 When the surveys are performed by the Register within 3 months prior to the flag change, such surveys, except for those for confirmation/renewal/issuing of Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate, by the RHO decision, may be credited for the certificate reissuing due to the flag change. The age of the ship and its technical condition, as well as the statistics of its detention by the Port Authorities of the flag state are also to be considered."

20 **Para 4.2.2.4.3** (existing) is renumbered **4.2.2.4.6**.

21 **Para 4.2.2.5.2.1** is replaced by the following text:

".1 to issue the following documents:

new statutory Certificates on behalf of the new Flag State government;

new Tonnage Certificate (according to the form of the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping or the new flag state Maritime Administration, as stipulated by the Maritime Administration);

Ship's Carving and Marking Note if required by the Maritime Administration;
final Ship Survey Statement (Form 6.1.03) together with the check-list of STORM system survey or check-lists of the appropriate form (in the substantiated cases);
Survey Reports in compliance with the requirements of international conventions and appropriate checklists (for international conventions, the requirements of which are not covered by STORM system);
Report on Survey of the ship (Form 6.3.10) in connection with the flag change (may be omitted when all the required information is available in the above documents). The Report, where issued, shall be drawn up in Russian and English, when the ship changes its flag for the flag of the Russian Federation, and only in English when the ship changes its flag for the flags of other countries. On the request of the Shipowner, the Report may also be issued in Russian.

Note. Introducing corrections, alterations and additional entries into the certificates, which were available on board ship before the flag change, is prohibited. The documents shall be drawn up again. Alterations may be entered into other documents, and these alterations shall be attested by the signature and stamp of the surveyor, with the date indication (refer to 4.6, Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" of the Rules).

If upon the examination of the submitted documents and upon the results of the held survey it was found out that the previous validity terms of the ship's documents can be retained, then they may stay the same irrespective of the validity terms of the interim documents issued by the new Flag State MA.

If it is not possible to re-issue the valid Tonnage Certificate, it can be extended for a term of not more than 3 months. from the moment of the flag change) by introducing an appropriate note (for ships flying the Russian Federation flag — in English and Russian languages; for ships flying other flags — in English, and on the request of the shipowner, in Russian) in the "Remarks" column of the Tonnage Certificate. For issuing a new Tonnage Certificate, the shipowner/ Operator shall be informed about the necessity of advance sending of an application form, for drawing up documents in connection with the ship's tonnage calculation, to the RS Head Office.".

22 **Para 4.2.3.4.1.4.5** is replaced by the following text:

".4.5 absence of load line marks or absence of their marking (painting);".