



# RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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Re:

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part I "General Provisions"

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that in connection with implementation of remote actions in the RS activities, the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

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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 provisions of the Circular Letter during surveys of ships and offshore installations in service.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part I: Chapter 2.1, Chapter 4.15

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**Information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter  
(for inclusion in the Revision History to the RS Publication)**

Nos.	Amended paras/chapters/sections	Information on amendments	Number and date of the Circular Letter	Entry-into-force date
1	Part I, Chapter 2.1	New definitions "Detainable deficiencies/defects" and "Minor deficiencies/defects" have been introduced considering IACS recommendation No. 98	340-24-1261c of 03.09.2019	01.10.2019
2	Part I, Chapter 4.15	New Chapter containing requirements for the RS remote actions has been introduced	340-24-1261c of 03.09.2019	01.10.2019

## **RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS IN SERVICE, 2019,**

### **ND No. 2-020101-012-E**

#### **PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **2 DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS**

##### **2.1 DEFINITIONS APPLIED TO ALL SHIPS**

1 **Chapter 2.1.** After definition "Substantial corrosion" the definition "Detainable deficiencies/defects" is introduced reading as follows:

"Detainable deficiencies/defects are those deficiencies/defects involving the ship condition or its equipment and outfit which do not comply with the requirements of the RS rules, or if the ship is not fit for proceeding to sea without posing a danger to itself, people or the cargo onboard, or without presenting unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment, that require immediate rectification actions for possible retainment of the ship's class."

After definition "Modernization" the definition "Minor deficiencies/defects" is introduced reading as follows:

"Minor deficiencies/defects are those deficiencies/defects which do not prevent the ship from proceeding to sea as they are not considered to pose a danger to the persons on board, the cargo and the environment within the timeframe given for their rectification."

#### **4 PREPARATION FOR SURVEYS**

2 Section is supplemented by the following new **Chapter 4.15:**

##### **"4.15 RS REMOTE ACTIONS (REMOTE CONFIRMATION OF THE RS REQUIREMENTS EXECUTION, EXTENSION OR CANCELLATION. REMOTE EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION OF ITEMS OF THE CONTINUOUS SURVEY LIST (CONTINUOUS SURVEY) TO THE REGISTER)**

###### **4.15.1 General.**

**4.15.1.1** Provisions of this Chapter apply to all RS-classed ships, MODU and FOP, except for ships under special surveillance regime (SSR) and fleet monitoring system.

**4.15.1.2** Provisions of this Chapter do not apply to classification surveys (initial, special, intermediate, annual surveys, survey of the outside of the ship's bottom (bottom survey) and shafting survey) prescribed by the international conventions and codes, surveys for reinstatement and reassignment of class as well as any surveys associated with accidents, passages, detentions of ships by Port State Control (PSC) or Flag State Control (FSC) and surveys where issuance of conditional certificates/short term certificates is required.

**4.15.1.3** Possibility and conditions of remote confirmation of the RS requirements execution extension or cancellation, as well as remote extension of submission of items of the Continuous Survey List (continuous survey) to the Register, is determined by RHO (except for the cases

specified in 4.15.1.4) upon receipt of the written request from the shipowner or the written request from the RS Branch Office which have received the shipowner's written request.

Where necessary, RHO may request the opinion of the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision.

**4.15.1.4** On the written request of the shipowner, the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision may take a decision on the execution of the previously imposed requirement concerning ship's provision with the missing technical documentation, without ship attendance by the RS Surveyor. In such case, the shipowner shall submit data on the time and place of the missing technical documentation delivery on board, the approval letter number (if necessary) and a copy of the title page. If a decision is made on the possible requirement execution, the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision shall introduce in section "Memoranda for Shipowners and Surveyors" of the List of Survey's Status the information on the necessity of verification of the executed requirement fulfillment during the nearest ship attendance by the RS surveyor. The results of verification of the requirement execution shall be recorded in the RS reporting documents (form 6.3.10 or 6.1.03).

**4.15.1.5** Where the conditions, assigned by the Register for remote action execution, cannot be fulfilled by the shipowner, the RS positive decision becomes invalid and the ship shall be surveyed with mandatory attendance by the RS surveyor.

**4.15.2** The following actions may be performed remotely:

.1 determination of possible extension of execution of the previously imposed requirements concerning availability of approved technical documentation and software on board the ship;

.2 determination of possible extension of the previously assigned submission of the item of the Continuous Survey List (continuous survey);

.3 confirmation of execution of the requirements associated with minor deficiencies/defects rectification (refer to the definition in 2.1);

.4 determination of possible extension of execution of the previously imposed requirements associated with minor deficiencies/defects rectification (refer to the definition in 2.1);

.5 determination of possible cancellation of the RS requirements imposed previously erroneously or wrongly.

**4.15.3 Drawing up of the remote action results.**

**4.15.3.1** A decision on the possibility of remote actions specified in 4.15.2 is recorded in writing by RHO or the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision as determined in 4.15.1.3 and 4.15.1.4. The written decision shall be sent to the shipowner within one working day after its drawing up together with other RS reporting documents if their drawing up was required.

**4.15.3.2** Information on the results of remote actions specified in 4.15.2 including the information on dates (where their adjustment was necessary) shall be recorded in the List of Survey's Status.

**4.15.3.3** Information on the necessity of verification of the performed remote action results to be carried out at the nearest ship attendance by the RS surveyor, shall also be recorded in section "Memoranda for Shipowners and Surveyors" of the List of Survey's Status by the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision."