**CIRCULAR LETTER** 

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Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, 2019, ND No. 2-020101-117-E

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part II "Life-Saving Appliances" to the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships

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#### Text of CL:

We hereby inform that in connection with the specification of requirements the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

It is necessary to do the following:

- 1. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during review and approval of technical documentation of ships as well as survey of ships.
- 2. Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the RS surveyors and interested persons in the area of RS Branch Offices activity.
- 3. The provisions of the Circular Letter may also be applied to fishing vessels contracted before the entry into force of the Circular Letter by request of the customer.

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

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Part II: Chapter 5.1

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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	Paras 5.1.2.1 — 5.1.2.9	Amended requirements for fishing vessels in connection with specifying requirements of the RS Rules and eliminating ambiguous phrases	314-17-1274c of 18.10.2019	18.10.2019

# **RULES FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF SEA-GOING SHIPS, 2019,**

## ND No.2-020101-117-E

### PART II. LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES

# **5.1 FISHING VESSELS**

- 1 **Para 5.1.2.1** is replaced by the following text:
  - "5.1.2.1 Each fishing vessel shall carry at least two survival craft.".
- 2 **Para 5.1.2.2** is replaced by the following text:
  - **"5.1.2.2** Fishing vessels of 75 m in length and over shall carry:
- **.1** on each side, the lifeboats complying with the requirements of 6.14 or 6.15, or liferafts complying with the requirements of 6.9 or 6.10 of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate the total number of persons on board;
- **.2** the rescue boat complying with the requirements of 6.19. A lifeboat may be used as a rescue boat, provided that it and its launching and recovery arrangements also comply with the requirements for a rescue boat and its launching appliances."
- 3 **New Para 5.1.2.3** is introduced reading as follows:
- "5.1.2.3 In lieu of meeting the requirements of 5.1.2.2.1 fishing vessels of 75 m in length and over, if comply with additional subdivision requirements and damage stability criteria to those stipulated by 1.1.1.3 and 3.4 of Part V "Subdivision" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships and criteria of increased structural fire protection, additional to those stipulated in 2.5 of Part VI "Fire protection" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, may carry on each side lifeboats or liferafts of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate at least 50 % of the persons on board, in this case, additional liferafts for at least 50 % of the total number of persons on board and the justification that such a decrease of the number of survival craft and their capacity will not compromise the safety level required by 5.1.2.2.1."
- 4 Existing Paras 5.1.2.3 and 5.1.2.4 are renumbered 5.1.2.4 and 5.1.2.5, accordingly.
- 5 Existing **Para 5.1.2.3** is replaced by the following text:
  - **"5.1.2.4** Fishing vessels of less than 75 m shall carry:
- **.1** on each side, the lifeboats complying with the requirements of 6.14 or 6.15 or liferafts complying with the requirements of 6.9 or 6.10 of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate the total number of persons on board;
- .2 the rescue boat complying with the requirements of 6.19. The ship may be exempted from carriage of a rescue boat, provided it carries any other survival craft or appliances for rescuing persons from water, which can be used in rescue operations, e.g. a means of rescue that meets the requirements of 6.20.9 or a cargo handling gear that meets the requirements of 5.8 of the Rules for the Cargo Handling Gear of Sea-Going Ships equipped with a special net, basket or cradle."

- 6 Existing **Para 5.1.2.4** is replaced by the following text:
- **"5.1.2.5** In lieu of meeting the requirements of 5.1.2.4.1 fishing vessels of less than 45 m in length may carry the lifeboats complying with the requirements of 6.14 or 6.15 or liferafts complying with the requirements of 6.9 or 6.10 of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate at least 200 % of the total number of persons on board. In this case, the aggregate capacity of the survival craft being launched from either side of the vessel shall be sufficient to accommodate at least the total number of persons on board."
- 7 **New Para 5.1.2.6** is introduced reading as follows:
- **"5.1.2.6** Fishing vessels of less than 45 m in length may carry rescue boats less 3,8 m in length, but not less than 3,3 m in length. In this case, a rescue boat of less than 3,8 m in length shall be capable of carrying at least four seated persons and a person laying. Such rescue boats shall meet the requirements of 6.19, except for the requirement for the length."
- 8 Existing **Para 5.1.2.5** is renumbered **5.1.2.7**.
- 9 Existing **Para 5.1.2.5** is replaced by the following text:
- **"5.1.2.7** In lieu of meeting the requirements of 5.1.2.2.1, 5.1.2.4.1 or 5.1.2.5, fishing vessels may carry one or more lifeboats capable of being free-fall launched over the stern of the vessel and complying with the requirements of 6.16 of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate the total number of persons on board, in addition, they may carry liferafts of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate the total number of persons on board."
- Paras 5.1.2.6 and 5.1.2.7 are renumbered 5.1.2.8 and 5.1.2.9, accordingly. The text remains as it stands.