



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 314-17-1280c

dated 01.11.2019

Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships in connection with entry into force of IMO resolution 453(100) "Amendments to the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (SPS Code) (A.534(13))"

Item(s) of supervision:

Special purpose ships constructed before 13 May 2008

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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» of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that upon the re-publication of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships in 2020 the Rules shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

It is necessary to do the following:

Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the RS surveyors and interested firms and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.

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

Part II, para 5.2.6

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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	Para 5.2.6	The requirements for providing special purpose ships constructed before 13 May 2008 with life-saving appliances have been specified considering IMO resolution MSC.453(100)	314-17-1280c of 01.11.2019	01.01.2020

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PART II. LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES

5.2 SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS

New Para 5.2.6 is introduced reading as follows:

"5.2.6 In lieu of meeting the requirements of 5.2.1 – 5.2.4, special purpose ships constructed before 13 May 2008 may meet the following requirements:

.1 ships carrying onboard not more than 50 special personnel shall be provided with survival craft as required for cargo ships other than tankers;

.2 ships mentioned in 5.2.6.1 and complying with the requirements of the Rules for the subdivision of ships carrying more than 50 special personnel onboard may be provided with survival craft in accordance with 5.2.6.3;

.3 ships carrying onboard more than 50 special personnel shall be provided with survival craft as required for passenger ships engaged in the international voyages which are not short international voyages;

.4 notwithstanding the requirements of 5.2.6.3, sail training ships whether mechanically self-propelled or not and irrespective of their gross tonnage, carrying more than 50 special personnel (trainees) may be provided with survival craft in accordance with 3.1.1.4 instead of 3.1.1.1, if they are provided with at least one rescue boat in accordance with 3.1.2.2 and additionally carry one immersion suit complying with requirements of 6.4 for each person on board, unless davits are provided for launching the liferafts or the ship is constantly engaged in warm climates where thermal protection is unnecessary, this protective clothing need not be carried (region between 30°N and 30°S);

.5 where the term "passenger" is used, it shall be read to mean "special personnel".