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CIRCULAR LETTER

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Re:

amendments to the Guidelines on the Application of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code), 2017, ND No. 2-030101-031-E

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part II "Technical Requirements"

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Guidelines on the Application of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the RS surveyors, as well as interested organizations and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.
 2. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during review and approval of technical documentation of ships contracted for construction or conversion on or after 01.07.2020.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part II: paras 9.1.6 – 9.1.8

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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 9.1.6	Interface connection requirements have been specified	315-22-1357c of 18.03.2020	01.07.2020
2	Para 9.1.7	Interface connection requirements have been specified	315-22-1357c of 18.03.2020	01.07.2020
3	Para 9.1.8	Reference to Part XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation Specifying Structural and Operational Particulars of Ships" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships has been specified	315-22-1357c of 18.03.2020	01.07.2020

GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR SHIPS OPERATING IN POLAR WATERS (POLAR CODE), 2017

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PART II. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

9 SAFETY OF NAVIGATION

1 **Para 9.1.6** is replaced by the following text:

".6 check whether two independent non-magnetic means to determine and display the heading connected to the ship's main and emergency source of power are fitted, and possibility of interface connection with the equipment for which the information on the heading is required (radar, ATA, ARPA, AIS, ECDIS, VDR, S-VDR, INS, heading repeaters etc.) is provided (refer to 9.3.2.2.1, Part I-A of the Polar Code);".

2 **Para 9.1.7** is replaced by the following text:

".7 for ships proceeding to latitudes over 80 degrees, check whether at least one GNSS compass or equivalent which shall be connected to the ship's main and emergency source of power is fitted, and possibility of interface connection with the equipment for which the information on the heading is required (radar, ATA, ARPA, AIS, ECDIS, VDR, S-VDR, INS, heading repeaters etc.) is provided (refer to 9.3.2.2.2, Part I-A of the Polar Code);".

3 **Para 9.1.8.** Reference "7.7.3.1 and 7.7.3.2" is replaced by "7.11.3".