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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that based on the experience of the technical supervision during operation of subsea pipelines classed with the Register, the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Subsea Pipelines shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter. The above amendments will be introduced into the Rules at their re-publication.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the RS surveyors, interested organizations and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.
 2. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter when performing technical supervision of subsea pipelines in operation.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part I: paras 1.3.9 — 1.3.11, 1.4.5.5

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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, paras 1.3.9 — 1.3.11	The requirements for subsea pipeline class suspension, reinstatement and withdrawal procedures have been specified	391-06-1364c of 24.03.2020	24.03.2020
2	Part I, para 1.4.5.5	The para has been deleted	391-06-1364c of 24.03.2020	24.03.2020

RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUBSEA PIPELINES, 2017,

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PART I. SUBSEA PIPELINES

1 GENERAL

1 **Paras 1.3.9 — 1.3.11** are replaced by the following text:

1.3.9 In case the subsea pipeline is not submitted to a mandatory survey within the prescribed time period, or structural alterations not agreed with the RS have been made thereon, or the pipeline has been repaired without the RS supervision, the Classification Certificate of Subsea Pipeline (refer to 1.4.5) becomes invalid, which results in suspension of class.

1.3.9.1 The Classification Certificate shall become invalid, and classification of the subsea pipeline shall be automatically suspended in the event where:

- .1** the special survey of the pipeline has not been completed by the prescribed date;
- .2** the annual/intermediate survey of the pipeline has not been completed within three (3) months of the due date of the annual survey;
- .3** conditions of class (classification requirements) imposed by RS are not met within the specified terms.

1.3.9.2 Irrespective of reason of suspension, the subsea pipeline class may not be suspended for more than twelve (12) months.

1.3.9.3 The pipeline class may not be suspended in case of the documented force majeure. The Register shall decide on taking into account force majeure circumstances by analyzing the evidence submitted by the owner/pipeline operator.

1.3.9.4 The class shall be reinstated during RS surveys taking into account the following:

- .1** if the subsea pipeline class is suspended because of undue term of submission for special survey (refer to 1.3.9.1.1), the class may be reinstated in case of satisfactory results of special survey where failure to submit was the reason of class suspension;
- .2** if the subsea pipeline class is suspended because of the undue term of submission for periodical survey (refer to 1.3.9.1.2), the class may be reinstated in case of satisfactory results of the respective survey where failure to submit was the reason of class suspension;
- .3** if the subsea pipeline class is suspended because of the undue terms of conditions of class (refer to 1.3.9.1.3), the class may be reinstated in case of satisfactory results of checking that the requirement is met;

.4 in all cases if at the moment of reviewing the issue of class reinstatement the term of carrying out any other survey (which has not been the reason of class suspension) is overdue then carrying out such survey shall also be a condition for the RS class reinstatement.

1.3.9.5 If during class suspension the owner or pipeline operator has made any structural alterations in components of the pipeline, including shore approaches, spool pieces and crossings with other linear facilities or other works not agreed with the Register; repair of the pipeline or its components without technical documentation approval or technical supervision of RS is made, then aforesaid shall be considered while specifying the class reinstatement conditions.

All detected changes unauthorized by RS shall be technically justified with submission of technical documentation, certificates or other records subject to further consideration by RS until the pipeline class is reinstated.

1.3.10 Withdrawal of class upon expiry of the period specified in 1.3.9.2, provided that no class reinstatement procedure was initiated prior to its expiry, means termination of the RS technical supervision of the subsea pipeline in operation, and the class shall be reinstated upon

request of the owner or pipeline operator in compliance with reinstatement procedure (refer to 1.3.9.4).

1.3.11 The Register may withdraw the class, in addition to the mentioned in 1.3.10, or refuse to perform technical supervision in cases when the pipeline owner or an operating organization regularly break the SP Rules, as well as in cases when the Party, which has made a survey agreement with the Register, violates it, including as follows:

in case the subsea pipeline is not in fit technical condition providing its safety;

when the subsea pipeline is used for the purpose and under operational conditions different from those indicated in the class notation;

there is no spill/transported media emission response plan approved as required, personnel and equipment for the above works (or valid contracts with relevant licensed contractors).".

2 Para 1.4.5.5 is deleted.