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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

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 review of the design documentation on ships and offshore installations contracted for construction or conversion on or after 01.06.2020, as well as when performing technical supervision for conversion of ships and offshore installations requested for review on or after 01.06.2020.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Chapter 1.1, paras 1.3.1.1.1 — 1.3.1.1.39, 1.3.3.3, 1.3.3.4 and 2.5.1

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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	Chapter 1.1	New definitions "alternative design and arrangements", "alteration or modification", "modernization", "conversion", "conversion of a ship of substantial nature or major conversion" have been introduced	312-11-1376c of 15.04.2020	01.06.2020
2	Paras 1.3.1.1.1 — 1.3.1.1.39	New para 1.3.1.1.1 containing reference to the Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers has been introduced. The existing paras 1.3.1.1.1 — 1.3.1.1.38 and references thereto have been renumbered 1.3.1.1.2 — 1.3.1.1.39 accordingly	312-11-1376c of 15.04.2020	01.06.2020
3	Para 1.3.3.3	Requirements for application the RS rules and international conventions depending on the conversion nature have been specified	312-11-1376c of 15.04.2020	01.06.2020
4	Para 1.3.3.4	Para has been deleted	312-11-1376c of 15.04.2020	01.06.2020
5	Para 2.5.1	New references to the applicable international codes have been introduced	312-11-1376c of 15.04.2020	01.06.2020

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND OTHER ACTIVITY, 2020

ND No. 2-020101-126-E

1 GENERAL

1.1 DEFENITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

1 **Chapter 1.1.** Before the definition "Rules (RS rules)" **new definitions** are introduced reading as follows:

"Alternative design and arrangements — are application of new alternative design and arrangements not mentioned in the classification requirements of the RS rules, and approval on the basis of an engineering analysis confirming that such alternative design and arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that stipulated by the RS requirements.

Alteration or modification is a change that does not affect the ship principal characteristics and/or structural parameters.

Modernization is a set of operations to modify the structure of a ship (ship's element) to improve performance characteristics, working and living conditions, to align it with new requirements and standards, specifications, quality indicators.

Conversion is a set of operations to modify the structure of a ship to change its purpose.

Conversion of a ship of substantial nature or major conversion is a conversion of a ship or its part which alters its type, purpose, ship principal characteristics and/or structural parameters (such as dimensions, gross tonnage, weight characteristics, freeboard, power output of the main propulsion installation, passenger capacity, cargo carrying capacity, etc.) or which substantially prolongs the ship service life, and such alterations lead to the necessity to apply the RS requirements to the ship or its separate parts that have not been applied to the ship prior to the commencement of such conversion. Nature of conversion (major/minor) is determined by the RS Head Office (RHO) in each particular case."

1.3 RULES

2 **New para 1.3.1.1.1** is introduced reading as follows:

".1 Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers;".

The existing paras 1.3.1.1.1 — 1.3.1.1.38 and references thereto are renumbered **1.3.1.1.2 — 1.3.1.1.39** accordingly.

3 **Para 1.3.3.3** is replaced by the following text:

"**1.3.3.3** Having followed repairs, conversion or modernization, a ship as well as appropriate equipment, arrangements, etc. shall, as a minimum, comply with the requirements of the RS rules and, where applicable, international conventions, codes previously applied to the ship. Newly installed structures, machinery and equipment shall meet the requirements of the RS rules in force and, where applicable, international conventions, codes as far as it is reasonable and technically practicable.

Having followed conversion of substantial nature (major conversion), a ship as well as appropriate structures, machinery and equipment shall meet the requirements of the RS rules and applicable international conventions to the extent defined by the provisions contained in those

rules and conventions which entered into force on the date of commencement of such conversion."

4 **Para 1.3.3.4** is deleted.

2.5 SURVEYS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

5 **Para 2.5.1.** After words "International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code);" the text is introduced reading as follows:

"International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code);
International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers (ESP Code);
Code for the Transportation and Handling of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (OSV Chemical Code);
Code of Safe Practice for the Carriage of Cargoes and Persons by Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV Code);
International Code of Safety for Ship Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code);" and the rest remaining as it stands.