



# RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

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Re:

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part I "General Provisions"

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Director General

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

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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 the provisions of the Circular Letter during surveys of ships and offshore installations in service requested for review on or after 01.10.2020.
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List of amended and/or added paras/chapters/sections:

Part I: Chapter 4.15

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**Information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter  
(for inclusion in the Revision History to the RS Publication)**

No.	Amended paras/chapters/sections	Information on amendments	No. and date of the Circular Letter introducing the amendments	Entry-into-force date
1	Part I, Chapter 4.15	The chapter has been completely revised based on the experience gained during the Rules application	340-02-1448c of 12.10.2020	01.10.2020

## **RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS IN SERVICE, 2020**

**ND No. 2-020101-012-E**

### **PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **4 PREPARATION FOR SURVEYS**

**Chapter 4.15** is replaced by the following text:

##### **"4.15 REMOTE SURVEYS**

###### **4.15.1 General.**

**4.15.1.1** Remote survey is a survey carried out by RS without the physical presence of the RS surveyor on board the ship with submission of photos and/or video footage, or by means of live video steaming with two-way communication between RS and the ship.

**4.15.1.2** The purpose of survey is to remotely obtain the objective and complete information on the condition of the item of technical supervision without the physical presence of the RS surveyor on board the ship.

**4.15.1.3** The shipowner is responsible for the quality and reliability of information submitted both using photos and/or video footage and live video steaming. The submitted photos and/or video footage shall clearly identify the condition of the submitted items and its belonging to a particular ship.

**4.15.1.4** If during the remote survey, in the RS opinion, it is not possible to obtain complete and objective information on the condition of the items of technical, RS shall notify the shipowner on the necessity to submit the item in the presence of the RS surveyor on board the ship.

**4.15.1.5** The possibility and conditions for carrying out the remote survey shall be reviewed and determined by RHO.

**4.15.1.6** The shipowner shall send an application to RHO or RS Branch Office for carrying out a remote survey at least 48 h prior to the planned submission of the item.

**4.15.1.7** The remote survey shall be carried out by the RS Branch Office on behalf of and with the participation of RHO.

**4.15.1.8** Where necessary, the possibility and conditions for carrying out the remote survey shall be agreed with the ship's Flag State MA.

**4.15.1.9** The surveys aimed at the following may be performed remotely:

- extension of due date for submission of the shafting for survey up to 3 months;
- extension of due date for submission of underwater hull for survey up to 3 months;
- extension of due date for submission of auxiliary boiler for internal survey
- verification of survey of the CSS item previously performed by the chief engineer;
- extension of the terms of fulfillment of the requirements for the RS reports;
- confirmation of fulfillment of the requirements for the RS reports.

**4.15.1.10** The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to initial, special, intermediate and annual surveys of the RS-classed ships and to ships under special surveillance regime (SSR) and fleet monitoring system.

**4.15.1.11** Instructions on performing remote surveys listed in 4.15.1.9 are given in Annex 11 "Remote Surveys" to the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service."