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Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, 2020, ND No. 2-020101-124-E

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part VI "Fire Protection"

Director General

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships 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, 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 on ships contracted for construction on or after 16 December 2020, in the absence of a contract, works for which conversion are commenced on or after 16 December 2020.

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

Part VI: paras 2.1.5.4, 2.1.5.4.1 – 2.1.5.4.4.5

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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	Paras 2.1.5.4, 2.1.5.4.1 – 2.1.5.4.4.5	Existing paras 2.1.5.4, 2.1.5.4.1 – 2.1.5.4.3.3 containing requirements to spaces for electric and gas welding operations have been deleted. Paras 2.1.5.4.4, 2.1.5.4.4.1 – 2.1.5.4.4.5 have been renumbered 2.1.5.4, 2.1.5.4.1 – 2.1.5.4.5, accordingly	313-13-1455c of 26.10.2020	16.12.2020

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PART VI. FIRE PROTECTION

2 STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION

- 1 **Paras 2.1.5.4, 2.1.5.4.1 – 2.1.5.4.3, 2.1.5.4.3.1 – 2.1.5.4.3.3** are deleted.
- 2 **Paras 2.1.5.4.4, 2.1.5.4.4.1 – 2.1.5.4.4.5** are replaced by the following text and renumbered 2.1.5.4, 2.1.5.4.1, 2.1.5.4.2, 2.1.5.4.3, 2.1.5.4.4 and 2.1.5.4.5, accordingly:

"**2.1.5.4** Oxygen and acetylene cylinders for electric and gas welding operations shall be kept in separate storerooms, complying with the following requirements:

 - .1 acetylene cylinders storeroom shall be independent of the oxygen cylinder storeroom;
 - .2 storerooms shall be located on or above the uppermost continuous deck and shall not be adjacent to accommodation spaces, control stations, galleys, storerooms for flammable materials, as well as to fuel oil and lubricating oil tanks;
 - .3 divisions separating the storerooms from adjacent spaces shall be of "A-60" class;
 - .4 such spaces shall have direct access from the open deck, the doors shall open outwards and be fitted with locks providing their reliable closure to prevent unauthorized access;
 - .5 the warning plates: "Danger of explosion!" and "No smoking!" shall be provided on the storerooms doors."