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Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, 2021, ND No. 2-020101-144-E

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Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part III "Signal Means"

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Equipment 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 the technical documentation on ships contracted for construction or conversion on or after 01.05.2021, in the absence of a contract, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 01.05.2021, as well as during review and approval of the technical documentation on ships, the delivery of which is on or after 01.05.2021.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part III, paras 2.2.4, 2.6.1 and 4.1.9.3

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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 2.2.4	The requirements have been specified for equipment of group I ships with spare lights	314-19-1522c of 12.03.2021	01.05.2021
2	Para 2.6.1	The requirements have been specified for fitting of all-around white lights on a berth-connected ship with length 100 m and over	314-19-1522c of 12.03.2021	01.05.2021
3	Para 4.1.9.3	The requirements have been specified for fitting of three lights in a vertical line on the ship	314-19-1522c of 12.03.2021	01.05.2021

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PART III. SIGNAL MEANS

2 EQUIPMENT OF SHIPS WITH SIGNAL MEANS

1 **Para 2.2.4** is replaced with the following text:

"2.2.4 A set of spare lights comprises:

- .1 masthead, side, stern, except for the use of lights as the main duplicated electric lights, white and red all-round lights ("Ship not under command" signal and anchor);
- .2 all-round white, red and green lights indicating the occupation of the ship (trawling, fishing, pilot), "Ship restricted in her ability to manoeuvre" signal, towing (white) and towing (yellow) lights.

A set of spare lights may not be required when the above-mentioned lights are duplicated."

2 **Para 2.6.1** is replaced with the following text:

"2.6.1 A berth-connected ship shall be equipped with all-around white lights:

if the length of the ship is less than 50 m — one light on either side;

if the length of the ship is 50 m and over but less than 100 m — two lights on either side, spaced 50 m apart;

if the length of the ship is 100 m and over, the number of lights shall be such that one light is provided for each 50 m of the ship length. Where more than two lights are fitted on either side of a berth-connected ship, they are recommended to be equally spaced.

If a berth-connected ship is designed so that she can be moored one side only, all-around lights may be fitted only on the offshore side."

4 FITTING OF SIGNAL MEANS ON BOARD

3 **Para 4.1.9.3** is replaced with the following text:

".3 when three lights are carried, they shall be equally spaced. In case of alignment of the lights on board the ship restricted in her ability to manoeuvre and the ship constrained by her draught, the middle lights may be spaced apart in a vertical line by 10 % of the distance between the utmost lights;".