



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 312-11-1528c

dated 18.03.2021

Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships considering the experience of technical supervision

Item(s) of supervision:

ships under construction

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

Appendix 2: text of amendments to Part I "Classification"

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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 after re-publication in 2021 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. Amendments introduced by the Circular Letter shall be applied 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. The introduced amendments may be applied to ships in service upon agreement with RHO.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part I: para 1.1.1, Table 2.2

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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 1.1.1	Definition "Berth-connected ship" has been amended (for the Russian version of the Rules only)	312-11-1528c of 18.03.2021	01.05.2021
2	Table 2.2	New Note 7 regarding assignment of descriptive notation Berth-connected ship (<operation condition>) such as floating oil storage has been introduced. Existing Notes 7 and 8 have been renumbered 8 and 9, accordingly	312-11-1528c of 18.03.2021	01.05.2021

RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEA-GOING SHIPS, 2020,

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PART I. CLASSIFICATION

1 GENERAL

1 **Para 1.1.1.** Definition "Berth-connected ship" has been amended (for the Russian version of the Rules only).

2 CLASS OF A SHIP

2 **Table 2.2.** New Note 7 is introduced reading as follows:

"7. For ships with descriptive notation **Berth-connected ship**, operation conditions (one of the following conditions: aground **(G)** — ground or moored at quay **(S)** — shore, or when at a water area distanced from the shore **(W)** — waters) are indicated in brackets, and the descriptive notation **Berth-connected ship** is followed by the statement of ship or offshore installation purpose from those listed in the definition "Berth-connected ship" (refer to 1.1.1), or otherwise. Descriptive notation **Berth-connected ship (operation condition) floating oil storage** may be added in each particular case upon agreement with the Register Head Office (RHO) and, if necessary, upon agreement with the Flag State Maritime Administration in the class notation of a ship complying with the requirements for an oil tanker, which can not be classified as FSO in accordance with the Rules for the Classification, Construction and Equipment of Floating Offshore Oil-and-Gas Production Units (FPU) (refer also to FSU according to IMO resolution MEPC.311(73)), and intended only for loading/unloading and storage of oil and petroleum products. Previously assigned descriptive notation (e.g. **oil tanker (ESP)**) may be retained at the shipowner's discretion provided the RS requirements relating to such descriptive notation or distinguishing mark are complied with."

3 Existing Notes 7 and 8 are renumbered 8 and 9, accordingly.