



RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 312-17-1556c

dated 30.04.2021

Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of High-Speed Craft, 2018, ND No. 2-020101-111-E considering the experience of technical supervision

Item(s) of supervision:

high speed craft under construction and in service

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter

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

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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification and Construction of High-Speed Craft shall be amended as specified in 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 high speed craft contracted for construction or conversion on or after 01.06.2021, in the absence of a contract — on high speed craft, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 01.06.2021, as well as during review and approval of the technical documentation on high speed craft, the delivery of which is on or after 01.06.2021.
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List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

General Provisions: paras 1.1, 1.3, 1.5 and 2.1

Part I: para 2.7

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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	General Provisions, para 1.1	Scope of application has been specified	312-17-1556c of 30.04.2021	01.06.2021
2	General Provisions, para 1.3	Application of the present Rules and the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Pleasure Craft to high-speed craft not covered by the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft has been specified	312-17-1556c of 30.04.2021	01.06.2021
3	General Provisions, para 1.5	Footnote 3 has been deleted	312-17-1556c of 30.04.2021	01.06.2021
4	General Provisions, para 2.1	In the definition "Failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA)" Footnote 4 has been deleted	312-17-1556c of 30.04.2021	01.06.2021
5	Part I, para 2.7	References to the present Rules have been specified. Para has been supplemented with a provision on the possibility of assignment of a new descriptive notation light ship to high-speed craft not covered by the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft	312-17-1556c of 30.04.2021	01.06.2021

RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH-SPEED CRAFT, 2018

ND No. 2-020101-111-E

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 SCOPE OF APPLICATION

1 **Para 1.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**1.1** Rules for the Classification and Construction of High-Speed Craft¹ apply to high-speed craft² as they defined in 2.1, including:

.1 passenger ships of whatever gross tonnage which in the course of their voyage do not proceed more than 4 h distance at operational speed from a place of refuge in fully loaded condition;

.2 cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and over which in the course of their voyage do not proceed more than 8 h distance at operational speed from a place of refuge in fully loaded condition;

.3 self-propelled ships not specified in 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 with power output of their main engines 55 kW and over.

¹ Hereinafter referred to as "the present Rules".

² Hereinafter referred to as "HSC".

2 **Para 1.3** is replaced by the following text:

"**1.3** The scope of requirements of the present Rules for ships referred to in 1.1.3 and not covered by the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft (IMO resolution MSC.97(73))³ is specified by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping⁴ based on their dimensions, purpose, area of navigation etc., but not less than the scope determined by the applicable provisions of:

.1 Part I "Classification", Part II "Hull Structure and Strength", Part IV "Stability", Part V "Reserve of Buoyancy and Subdivision", Part VII "Machinery Installations Machinery Installations", Part XVII "Radio Equipment", Part XVIII "Navigational Equipment", Part XXI "Craft for Personnel Transportation" of the present Rules;

.2 Part III "Equipment, Arrangements and Outfit", Part V "Machinery Installations. Machinery. Systems and Piping", Part VI "Automation", Part VII "Electrical Equipment", Part IX "Life-Saving Appliances", Part X "Fire Protection" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Pleasure Craft.

Area of navigation of such ships may be established taking into account the provisions of Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships (as for area of navigation **R3** or **R3-RSN**) depending on the type of signal means and radio equipment (for sea areas 1, 2, 3 or 4), as well as subject to fulfillment of the requirements for stability and strength.

Scope of requirements may be amended/specified upon agreement with – the Register Head Office⁵ in each particular case.

³ Hereinafter referred to as "the HSC Code".

⁴ Hereinafter referred to as "the Register, RS".

⁵ Hereinafter referred to as "RHO".

3 **Para 1.5.** Footnote 3 is deleted.

2 DEFINISIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

4 **Para 2.1.** In the definition "Failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA)" Footnote 4 is deleted.

PART I. CLASSIFICATION

2 CLASS NOTATION OF CRAFT

5 **Para 2.7** is replaced by the following text:

"2.7 Descriptive notation.

The descriptive notation represents a craft category and shall be put as follows:

for passenger craft of A category — **passenger-A**;

for passenger craft of B category — **passenger-B**.

For HSC intended for transportation of the industrial personnel servicing offshore installation and complying with the requirements of Part XXI "Craft for Personnel Transportation", in addition to the designation of HSC in the class notation according to 2.5 and, if applicable, designation of HSC type in the class notation according to 2.6 of this Part, the descriptive notation **Crew boat** may be added on agreement with the Administration.

For HSC complying with the requirements of 1.3 of General Provisions, in addition to the designation of HSC in the class notation according to 2.5 and, if applicable, designation of HSC type in the class notation according to 2.6 of this Part, the descriptive notation **light ship** is added."