



# RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING

**CIRCULAR LETTER**

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Re:

amendments to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of High-Speed Craft, 2023, ND No. 2-020101-158-E

Item(s) of supervision:

high speed craft under construction and in service

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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 High-Speed Craft 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 when performing surveys of high-speed craft requested on or after 01.06.2023.

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

Part I: paras 1.3.1, 1.3.2, Chapter 1.5, paras 3.1.2.1 — 3.1.2.5, Table 3.1.2, para 3.1.3 and Section 4

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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 1.3.1	Requirements have been specified	311-05-1943c of 30.05.2023	01.06.2023
2	Para 1.3.2	Para has been deleted	311-05-1943c of 30.05.2023	01.06.2023
3	Chapter 1.5	Chapter has been deleted in connection with transfer of the requirements to Section 4	311-05-1943c of 30.05.2023	01.06.2023
4	Para 3.1.2.1	Requirements have been specified	311-05-1943c of 30.05.2023	01.06.2023
5	Paras 3.1.2.2 — 3.1.2.3	Paras 3.1.2.2 — 3.1.2.3 have been deleted. Paras 3.1.2.1 — 3.1.2.5 and references thereto have been renumbered 3.1.2.1 — 3.1.2.3 accordingly	311-05-1943c of 30.05.2023	01.06.2023
6	Para 3.1.2.5 (renumbered 3.1.2.3)	Requirements have been specified	311-05-1943c of 30.05.2023	01.06.2023
7	Table 3.1.2	Table has been deleted in connection with transfer of the requirements to the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service	311-05-1943c of 30.05.2023	01.06.2023
8	Para 3.1.3	New para containing requirements for initial surveys of HSC under construction has been introduced	311-05-1943c of 30.05.2023	01.06.2023
9	Section 4	Section has been completely revised in connection with transfer of the requirements from Chapter 1.5	311-05-1943c of 30.05.2023	01.06.2023

## **RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH-SPEED CRAFT, 2023,**

**ND No. 2-020101-158-E**

### **PART I. CLASSIFICATION**

#### **1 GENERAL**

- 1 **Para 1.3.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**1.3.1** The required level of safety of HSC in service is provided by fulfilment of the requirements of these Rules regulating safety by technical means provided on board the craft and, if applicable, of the organizational and technical measures described in Chapter 18 of the 2000 HSC Code.

A complex of organizational and technical measures shall be provided by a shipowner."

- 2 **Para 1.3.2** is deleted.

- 3 **Chapter 1.5** is deleted.

#### **3 CARRYING OUT AND SCOPE OF SURVEYS**

- 4 **Para 3.1.2.1 1** is replaced by the following text:

"**3.1.2.1** Requirements for survey of HSC in service are given in the relevant sections of the Rules for the Classification Surveys of Ships in Service<sup>1</sup> and the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service.

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<sup>1</sup> Hereinafter referred to as "the RCSSS".

- 5 **Paras 3.1.2.2 — 3.1.2.3** are deleted. **Paras 3.1.2.1 — 3.1.2.5** and references thereto are renumbered **3.1.2.1 — 3.1.2.3** accordingly.

- 6 **Para 3.1.2.5** is replaced by the following text:

"**3.1.2.3** During the initial surveys of the craft in service in connection with transfer to the RS class, the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of Part II "Carrying Out Classification Surveys of Ships" of the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service, as well as the appropriate provisions of the RCSSS as regards the scope of survey shall be met."

- 7 **Table 3.1.2** is deleted.

- 8 **New para 3.1.3** is introduced reading as follows:

"**3.1.3 Initial surveys of HSC under construction.**

**3.1.3.1** During construction, HSC shall be surveyed in the scope prescribed by these Rules and the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships under Construction, according to the technical documentation (technical design and detailed (design) documentation, which are given in Section 5 of this Part of the Rules) approved by the Register.

**3.1.3.2** Date of the HSC survey upon construction is the date of the actual completion of the survey and issue of a Classification Certificate and other ship's documents for HSC (as appropriate, considering Section 4).".

## **4 DOCUMENTS TO BE ISSUED**

**9**      **The Section** is replaced by the following text:

**"4.1.1**      For issue/confirmation/retainment of documents specified in 4.1.2 — 4.1.10, HSC shall be subjected to survey by the Register in compliance with the requirements of Section 3.

**4.1.2**      A Classification Certificate is issued by the Register for the RS-classed HSC to confirm compliance with the requirements of Parts I — XV of these Rules. The worst intended conditions under which the craft motion in the operation mode is permitted, the maximum distance allowed to proceed from the place of refuge, a particular route, routes or water area where the craft is allowed to operate with regard to weather conditions and distance allowed to proceed from the place of refuge and other limitations, where necessary, shall be indicated in the Classification Certificate.

**4.1.3**      A Safety Equipment Certificate and a Load Line Certificate of High-Speed Craft (except for amphibious ACVs) are issued for HSC flying the RF flag to confirm compliance with the requirements of these Rules. The specified Certificates may be issued for HSC flying the flags other than RF, provided the appropriate authorization of the Administration is available.

**4.1.4**      Based on the certificates referred to in 4.1.2 — 4.1.3 (where applicable), a Seaworthiness Certificate may be issued for HSC flying the flags of the states, by the maritime legislation of which this document is provided, e.g. Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan. The Seaworthiness Certificate may be issued for crafts flying other flags, provided the appropriate authorization of the Administration is available. The Seaworthiness Certificate shall contain all conditions and limitations stated in the Certificates, on which basis the Certificate is issued.

**4.1.5**      The certificates referred to in 4.1.2 — 4.1.4 are issued for the period up to 5 years with the mandatory annual confirmation.

**4.1.6**      In addition, a High-Speed Craft Safety Certificate and a List of Equipment to confirm the compliance with the requirements of the 2000 HSC Code shall be issued for HSC engaged in the international voyages (for crafts covered by the 2000 HSC Code), provided the appropriate authorization of Administration is available. The instructions related to the Certificate validity, verification and extension are specified in Section 1.8 of the 2000 HSC Code.

**4.1.7**      Where the appropriate authorization from the Administration is available (and in case the crafts are covered by the 2000 HSC Code — in a mandatory manner), the provisions of IMO circular MSC/Circ.652 on application of the International Load Line Convention, 1966 (LL-66) shall be taken into consideration. The necessity of issuing an International Load Line Exemption Certificate is specified in the IMO circular.

**4.1.8**      In addition to the documents specified in 4.1.5, a Permit to Operate High-Speed Craft is also issued for the craft engaged in international commercial voyages to confirm the compliance with the requirements of 1.2.2 — 1.2.7 of the 2000 HSC Code and specify the conditions of the craft operation based on the information identified in the route operational manual specified in Chapter 18 of the 2000 HSC Code. Transit voyages without passengers or cargo may be performed without the Permit. Instructions on drawing-up and issuing the above-stated Permit are given in Section 1.9 of the 2000 HSC Code.

**4.1.9**      In accordance with IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1266, IMO resolutions MSC.269(85) and MSC.271(85), a Document of Compliance with the Special Requirements for High-Speed Craft Carrying Dangerous Goods shall be issued for HSC carrying dangerous goods (complying with the requirements of Part D, Chapter 7 of the 2000 HSC Code, as amended).

**4.1.10**      As regards the pollution prevention, a Pollution Prevention Certificate shall be issued for HSC flying the RF flag to confirm the compliance with the requirements of the Rules for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Intended for Operation in Sea Areas and Inland

Waterways of the Russian Federation. The certificates, as prescribed by MARPOL 73/78, shall be issued for the craft in compliance with MARPOL 73/78. The Pollution Prevention Certificate shall not be issued when it is required to issue the international certificates for the craft as per the forms prescribed by MARPOL 73/78 or the Pollution Prevention Certificates in compliance with 1.11.3 of Part III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships" of the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service.

Combined issue of the specified certificates, namely, the Pollution Prevention Certificate together with pollution Prevention Certificates in compliance with 1.11.3 of Part III "Survey of Ships in Compliance with International Conventions, Codes, Resolutions and Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships" of the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service depending on fulfillment of any requirements is not allowed."