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Re: amendments to Parts II "Carrying out classification surveys of ships" and 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, 2024, НД № 2-030101-009.

New requirements have been introduced for the procedure for acceptance of ships in service into the RS class, as well as directions on issuing documents on behalf of Flag State MA and authorized thereof.

Instructions on application:

1. Bring the content of this urgent notice to the RS surveyors, interested organizations and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices activity.
 2. Apply the provisions of this urgent notice during the survey of ships in service under the requests received from 05.04.2024.
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE TO THE GUIDELINES ON TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF SHIPS IN SERVICE WITH ANNEXES
REVISION HISTORY**

GUIDELINES ON TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF SHIPS IN SERVICE (01.01.2024)

Item	Applied to	Description	Remarks
Part II, para 5.1.6.5	Ships in service Acceptance of ships into the RS class Verification of records	Verification of the records by RHO has been deleted. RHO authorities have been delegated to RS Branch Offices	
Part II, para 5.1.6.6	Ships in service Acceptance of ships into the RS class Verification of records	In connection with delegated RHO authorities, explanations have been introduced regarding possibility to contest the list of non-conformities detected in case of doubts in their legitimacy	
Part II, para 5.1.6.7 (deleted)	Ships in service Acceptance of ships into the RS class Verification of records	In connection with amended procedure of RS records verification, para 5.1.6.7 has been deleted	
Part II, para 5.2.1.5	Ships in service Acceptance of ships into the RS class Assignment of class notation	Procedure for determination of class notation when accepting ships in the RS class has been amended	
Part II, para 5.2.2.5 (deleted)	Ships in service Acceptance of ships into the RS class Assignment of class notation	In connection with amended procedure for determination of class notation when accepting ships in the RS class, para 5.2.2.5 has been deleted. Paras 5.2.2.6 — 5.2.2.11 have been renumbered accordingly.	
Part II, para 5.2.2.5 (renumbered)	Ships in service Acceptance of ships into the RS class Records	Form 6.3.50 has been renamed	

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Part II, para 5.2.2.6 (renumbered)	Ships in service Acceptance of ships into the RS class Records	Form 6.3.50 has been renamed	
Part II, para 5.2.2.7 (renumbered)	Ships in service Acceptance of ships into the RS class Records	Form 6.3.50 has been renamed. RHO authorities have been delegated to RS Branch Offices. Verification and scope of records have been amended	
Part II, para 5.2.2.10 (renumbered)	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Records	Form 6.3.50 has been renumbered. rho authorities have been delegated to RS branch offices	
Part II, para 5.2.2.12 (renumbered)	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Records	In connection with amended verification and scope of the records, para 5.2.2.12 has been deleted	
Part II, para 5.2.3.3.8	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class In-water survey	Scope of initial survey has been amended and specified	IACS PR1A
Part II, para 5.2.3.13	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Assignment of ice class	Requirements have been specified regarding assignment of ice classes Ice1 — Ice3, Arc4	
Part II, paras 5.2.5.2.5 and 5.2.5.2.6	Ships in service Transfer of class on the ship delivery date Records	Form 6.3.50 has been renamed. RHO authorities have been delegated to RS Branch Offices. Verification and scope of records have been amended	
Part II, para 5.3.1.5	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Assignment of class notation	Determination of estimated/final class notation has been amended and supplemented	

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Part II, para 5.3.3.1	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Technical documentation	RHO authorities have been delegated to RS Branch Offices. Technical documentation on bringing the ship in compliance with the requirements of the applicable Rules have been amended	
Part II, para 5.3.3.2.1	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Technical documentation	Records on verification results of compliance of hull structures with the Rules requirements have been specified	
Part II, para 5.3.3.10	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Initial survey	Request form has been renumbered	
Part II, para 5.3.3.17.2	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Records	RHO authorities have been delegated to RS Branch Offices. Verification and scope of records have been amended	
Para 5.3.4.1	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Technical documentation	List of main plans submitted by shipowner to the Register has been supplemented	
Para 5.3.4.2	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Technical documentation	List of main plans submitted by shipowner to the Register has been supplemented	
Part II, Chapter 5.4, Appendix 2	Ships in service Acceptance of a ship into the RS class Records	RHO authorities have been delegated to RS Branch Offices. Verification and scope of records have been amended	
Part III, para 4.2.2.2.1	Ships in service Change of flag to the RF flag Identification and survey of the ship	Request form has been renumbered	

PART II. CARRYING OUT CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS OF SHIPS

5 PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SHIPS IN SERVICE INTO THE RS CLASS

5.1 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Para 5.1.6.5 is amended as follows:

~~"5.1.6.5 The Summary Report on Assessment of Ship's Compliance with the Rules for Construction with the attached List of nonconformities and check lists shall be forwarded to RHO for review and checks.~~

List of non-conformities ~~finally agreed by RHO, if any,~~ shall be forwarded to the shipowner informing that to eliminate the nonconformities specified is a mandatory requirement for acceptance of a ship into the RS class."

Para 5.1.6.6 is amended as follows:

"5.1.6.6 Provided an intention of transferring the ship to the RS class appears, the shipowner shall confirm in writing his willingness to eliminate all the nonconformities detected specified in the List of nonconformities as well as develop actions to eliminate them and submit to RS for review as a part of technical documentation on brining the ship in compliance with the requirements of the applicable RS Rules/C (refer to 5.3.3.2). The shipowner is entitled to address the RS Branch Office that forwarded the List of nonconformities or RHO in case of doubts in legitimacy of nonconformities detected with a technical background."

Para 5.1.6.7 is deleted.

5.2 TRANSFER OF CLASS FOR THE SHIP

Para 5.2.1.5 is amended as follows:

"5.2.1.5 The estimated class notation of the ship shall be determined by RHO ~~when preparing the information to the shipowner on the conditions and procedure for the RS class assignment in compliance with 5.2.2.1 the RS Branch Office carrying out the ship survey based on the review results of the available data of the ship (Ship's Survey Status of the losing Society, classification certificate, etc.).~~

The final class notation shall be confirmed based on the results of performed initial survey. Changing of the confirmed class notation shall be performed in accordance with 3.2, Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" of the RCSSS."

Para 5.2.2.5 is deleted.

Paras 5.2.2.6 — 5.2.2.11 and references thereto are renumbered **5.2.2.5 — 5.2.2.10** accordingly.

Renumbered para 5.2.2.5. The last paragraph is amended as follows:

"In this case, the following entry shall be made in the Section "Memoranda" of the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer of Class/Adding of Double/Dual Class (Form 6.3.50): "The Shipowner has submitted the incomplete set of the plans". This entry is made in the ship's List of Survey's Status (Form 6.3.51-1)."

Renumbered para 5.2.2 is amended as follows:

"5.2.2.6 All conditions of class listed in the losing Society List of Survey's Status shall be identified as follows:

.1 fulfilment of the losing Society's conditions of class shall be confirmed by the Register individual Reports on Survey of the ship (Form 6.3.10), and also by the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer ~~of Class~~/Adding of Double/Dual Class (Form 6.3.50) with the mandatory identification of the conditions of class according to the ship's Survey's Status of the losing Society.

If postponing the term of meeting with the conditions of class of the losing Society in connection with the Shipowner's inability or due to a number of other good reasons, the RS Branch Office shall turn to RHO for further actions with the losing Society to be agreed;

.2 all the losing Society's remaining conditions of class, of which the due date has not expired yet, shall be clearly indicated in the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer ~~of Class~~/Adding of Double/Dual Class (Form 6.3.50) and in ship's List of Survey's Status (Form 6.3.51-1) with their due dates retained;

.3 any additional information for the shipowner and/or surveyor (Memoranda) in the losing Society Survey Status, which is applicable to the ship in accordance with the Rules/C, shall be entered in the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer ~~of Class~~/Adding of Double/Dual Class (Form 6.3.50) and later on in the ship's List of Survey's Status (Form 6.3.51-1).

On entering the information in the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer ~~of Class~~/Adding of Double/Dual Class, a first-hand copy from the losing Society's Survey's Status may be used as a mandatory attachment to the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer ~~of Class~~/Adding of Double/Dual Class (Form 6.3.50), and the presence of such attachment shall be referred to in Section "Memoranda" of the Report."

Renumbered para 5.2.2.7 is amended as follows:

"5.2.2.7 When a Classification Certificate is issued, the RS Branch Office within a working day shall send a copy of the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer ~~of Class~~/Adding of Double/Dual Class (Form 6.3.50) and ship's List of Survey's Status (Form 6.3.51-1);

~~within 10 working days a copy of the set of documents issued to the ship under the survey results for check to RHO and to the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision~~ a set of verified documents drawn up based on the survey results as well as copies of technical (refer to 5.2.3.10) and operational (refer to 5.2.3.6) documentation shall be submitted to the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision for posting them in the ship's file.

RHO shall inform the losing Society of the date of its issue within a month since issuing the Classification Certificate.

After issuing a Classification Certificate, RHO shall notify the Flag State MA on the date of issue, as appropriate."

Renumbered para 5.2.2.10 is amended as follows:

~~"5.2.2.10 Issuing a Classification Certificate, the RS Branch Office in charge of transfer of class shall send documents to RHO.~~

~~After issuing a Classification Certificate, RHO shall notify the Flag State MA on the date of issue, as appropriate.~~The information on carrying out all overdue surveys and all overdue conditions of class according to 5.2.2.8 and 5.2.2.9 shall be indicated in Appendix to the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer ~~of Class~~/Adding of Double/Dual Class (Form 6.3.50) with indication of actions taken for their fulfillment (refer to Appendix 14)."

Renumbered para 5.2.2.11 is deleted.

Para 5.2.3.3.8 is amended as follows:

".8 in the context of applying the requirements specified in 5.2.3.3.4 and 5.2.3.3.5, if a docking survey of a ship is not due at the time of transfer of class, consideration may be given

to carrying out an in-water survey in lieu of docking survey. ~~The review of an issue on replacement of docking survey with the in-water survey shall be performed in accordance with the provisions of 2.5.3.4.2, Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" of RCSSS.~~

If the docking survey at the time of transfer of class is overdue, this survey shall be carried out (the in-water survey is not allowed);".

Para 5.2.3.13 is amended as follows:

"5.2.3.13 When assigning the ice class (~~except for **Arc4** and higher~~), it is assumed to be ~~adequate equal to the ACS ice class according to the available comparative data in RHO, or higher or lower if the possibility of increasing or decreasing of ice class is justified to the satisfaction of RS. In case of changing the ice class towards increasing, regardless the ice class, one shall be guided by the provisions of 5.2.3.13.1 — 5.2.3.13.3 given below, except for the Note to 5.2.3.13.1 The substantiation of the ice class decreasing shall contain, at least, the reasons for decreasing, as well as substantiation of compliance of the ship with the decreased ice class one shall be guided by the following.~~

To assign the Baltic ice class (**III, II, IC, IB, IA, IA Super**) for the first time it is necessary to meet the provisions of Section 10, Part XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation Specifying Structural and Operational Particulars of Ships" of the RS Rules/C. In case the ship has a valid ice class (**III, II, IC, IB, IA, IA Super**) in compliance with the requirements of the Finnish-Swedish Ice Rules for ice class ships, it may be transferred without change to the RS class (refer to Section 10 of Part XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation Specifying Structural and Operational Particulars of Ships" of the Rules for Construction) the relevant Baltic ice class may be added to the RS class without additional verifications. In case previously the ship had an ice class (**III, II, IC, IB, IA, IA Super**) in compliance with the requirements of the Finnish-Swedish Ice Rules for ice class ships that is documented on board a ship, relevant Baltic ice class may be added to the RS class provided that the hull structures and propulsion plant have not been amended, otherwise provision of Section 10, Part XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation Specifying Structural and Operational Particulars of Ships" of the RS Rules/C shall be met.

~~When assigning~~ To assign the ice classes **Ice2, Ice3, Arc4** and higher, the provisions of 5.2.3.13.1 — 5.2.3.13.3 shall be met.

~~If before completion of survey for acceptance of a ship to the RS class, the conditions specified in 5.2.3.13.1 — 5.2.3.13.3 are not carried out, ice class **Arc4** and higher cannot be assigned. In this case in accordance with the RHO decision and upon agreement with a shipowner the relevant Baltic ice class may be assigned in accordance with Section 10 of Part XVII "Distinguishing Marks and Descriptive Notations in the Class Notation" of the RS Rules/C. This information shall be introduced to the Ship's Survey Status by the RS surveyor (for example: "Due to outstanding conditions for assignment of RS ice class **Arc4** and higher during acceptance of a ship to the RS class, the Baltic ice class [to identify a relevant mark] is assigned. In order to assign ice class **Arc4** and higher it is necessary to fulfill conditions of 5.2.3.13, Part II "Carrying out Classification Surveys of Ships" of the Guidelines [instead of reference to the RS normative document it is recommended to list conditions from the relevant normative document].-).~~

If earlier (being in the RS class) a ship has had ice class (**Ice1 — Ice3, Arc4** and higher, or **L4 — L1, UL, ULA, LL1 — LL3** ~~verified by RHO for which relevant and confirmed information is available~~), the check in compliance with 5.2.3.13.1 is not required provided that relevant calculation agreed by RS is available, and no changes in hull structures, machinery installations, ship's systems and arrangements related to ice class have been confirmed by the RS surveyor since the time the class has been transferred. If necessary, the calculation shall be updated by the RS surveyor or by a representative duly authorized by the shipowner further agreed by the RS surveyor with regard to information on permissible hull scantlings in accordance with actual requirements of the Rules."

Paras 5.2.5.2.5 and 5.2.5.2.6 are amended as follows:

"5.2.5.2.5 The validity of the Classification Certificate issued by the Register is subject to any outstanding conditions of class previously issued against the ship being completed by the due date and as specified by the losing Society.

Any outstanding conditions of class with their due dates shall be clearly stated in the following documents:

First Classification Certificate or the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer of Class/Adding of Double/Dual Class (Form 6.3.50) ~~on board;~~
ship's List of Survey's Status (Form 6.3.51-1) when the Classification Certificate is issued.

5.2.5.2.6 When a Classification Certificate is issued, the RS Branch Office shall, within a working day, send to RHO and RS Branch Office for in-service supervision a copy of the Summary Report on Ship's Transfer of Class/Adding of Double/Dual Class (Form 6.3.50), Ship's List of Survey's Status (Form 6.3.51-1) ~~and, within 10 working days, a copy of the set of documents issued to the ship for check.~~

Within 10 working days a set of verified documents drawn up based on the survey results as well as copies of technical (refer to 5.2.3.10) and operational (refer to 5.2.3.6) documentation shall be submitted to the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision for posting them in the ship's file.

RHO shall, within a month since issuing the Classification Certificate, advise the losing Society of the date of issuing this Certificate.

After issuing a Classification Certificate, RHO shall notify the Flag State MA on the date of issue, as appropriate."

5.3 ASSIGNMENT OF THE REGISTER CLASS

Para 5.3.1.5 is amended as follows:

"5.3.1.5 The estimated class notation shall be determined by ~~RHO~~ the RS Branch Office when preparing ~~authorization to the RS Branch Office for performing to perform~~ assessment of a ship's compliance with the RS Rules/C (refer to 5.1.5).

The RS character of classification, as well as distinguishing marks and descriptive notations shall be stated in compliance with 2.2, Part I "Classification" of the RS Rules/C based on the results of the shipowner's application review (refer to 5.1.3).

The final class notation shall be assigned to the ship considering the RS reviewed documentation on taking the ship to the level of the compliance with the applicable requirements of the RS Rules/C and shall be confirmed by RHO upon receipt of the RS Branch Office request for giving the distinctive number in compliance with the RS prescribed procedure based on the results of performed initial survey.

Changing of the confirmed class notation shall be performed according to 3.2, Part II "Survey Schedule and Scope" of RSCCC."

Para 5.3.3.1 is amended as follows:

"5.3.3.1 According to the results of assessment of ship's compliance with the RS Rules/C in accordance with 5.1.4 and 5.1.5 a shipowner or an authorized representative shall develop technical documentation to bring the ship in compliance with the applicable requirements of the RS Rules/C. The documentation shall be forwarded ~~to RHO or, on its behalf,~~ to the RS Branch Office."

Para 5.3.3.2.1 is amended as follows:

".1 results of hull members calculation in verification for compliance with Part II "Hull" of the RS Rules/C including assessment of permissible thickness of all the hull members regulated in accordance with 5.12.3, Part I "General Provisions" of RSCCC taking into account 4.1.11 of Annex 2 to RCSSS. Calculation shall be carried out in Russian or in English,

~~or both. Title page and summary table with dimension allowances shall be in Russian and English or in English only. The option in Russian may be used for ships flying the Russian Federation flag unless they are engaged on international voyages;".~~

Para 5.3.3.10. The last paragraph is amended as follows:

"The RS Branch Office authorized to carry out the initial survey shall conclude the Agreement on initial survey and classification of ship (Form 430810.1.8-3) with the shipowner."

Para 5.3.3.17.2 is amended as follows:

".2 within 10 working days:

forward a copy of the set of verified documents issued to the ship, as well as approved technical documentation for the ship's compliance with the applicable RS Rules/C to the RS Branch Office for in-service supervision;

~~forward a copy of the set of documents issued to the ship for check to RHO."~~

Para 5.3.4.1 is amended as follows:

".1 main plans:

general arrangement drawing;

capacity plan;

hydrostatic curves;

damage stability calculation, where required;

Loading Manual, where required;"

Para 5.3.4.2 is amended as follows:

".2 steel hull plans:

midship section;

scantling plan;

decks, double bottom (if available) plan;

shell expansion plan;

transverse bulkheads;

rudder and rudder stock;

hatch covers;

bow/stern frame;"

5.4 REGISTER DOCUMENTS

APPENDIX 2

Table. Name of the last column is amended as follows:

"Note ~~by RHO~~".

**PART III. SURVEY OF SHIPS IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTIONS, CODES, RESOLUTIONS AND RULES FOR THE EQUIPMENT
OF SEA-GOING SHIPS**

**4 SOME INSTRUCTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CARRYING OUT SURVEYS
AND ISSUING DOCUMENTS**

**4.2 DIRECTIONS ON ISSUING DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF FLAG STATE MA
AND AUTHORIZED BY THEREOF**

Para 4.2.2.2.1. The first paragraph is amended as follows:

".1 The owner of the ship or the bareboat-chatterer of the ship (hereinafter referred to as the shipowner) shall apply to the Register in writing to carry out identification and survey of the ship and shall enclose the Application and the Data on the ship (Form ~~4308~~10.1.14) which shall, inter alia, include the following:".