

To the owner or master of a vessel

Dear Sir,

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that "Regulations for navigation on the seaways of the Northern Sea Route" (NSR) were officially published on 13.07.1991 in the Notices to Mariners № 29".

According to this "regulations" a vessel intending to navigate through the NSR shall satisfy special requirements.

For taking decision concerning the possibility of leading your ship through NSR you should submit to the Northern Sea Route Administration (NSRA) a notification, where you must indicate the following:

1. Name of ship, IMO number, flag, port of registry, shipowner (full name and full address).

2. Gross/net tonnage reg.t.

2.1. Full displacement of the ship.

3. Main dimensions (length, breadth, draft), output of main engines, propeller (construction, material), speed, year of build.

4. Ice class and classification society, date of last examination.

4.1. Construction of bow (ice knife or bulb-bow).

5. Expected time of sailing through the NSR.

6. Presence of certificate of insurance or other financial security in respect of civil liability for environmental pollution damaged.

7. Aim of sailing (commercial voyage, tourism, scientific research, etc).

8. List of deviations from the "Requirements to the Design, Equipment and Supply of Vessels Navigating the NSR".

All details of the leading of vessel via seaways of NSR must be clarified in your agreement with FSUE «Atomflot» (tel/fax: (8152) 553-041, tel: (8152) 553-040) or Far East Shipping Company (tel/fax: (4232) 521-415) which are responsible for arrangement of the above escort.

The permission to pass through NSR, dates, region of navigation and conditions of ice-pilotages could 'be issued by our experts upon completion of survey of your ship on her compliance with "The Requirements for the Design, Equipment and Supply of Vessels Navigating the NSR". Such survey could be conducted at any port suitable for you (all expenses on your account).

Please take notice that this permission for navigation on the seaways of the NSR would not give you right to conduct any scientific research in the Russian arctic, neither tourism nor fishing for these purposes you must send a special request to the Ministry Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federations.

Best regards,

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