

# RULES

## FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF FLOATING OFFSHORE OIL-AND-GAS PRODUCT UNITS

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The present Rule Change Notice to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Floating Offshore Oil-and-Gas Product Units (FPU) (hereinafter — RCN) has been approved in accordance with the established approval procedure and contains information on amendments and additions, except for editorial amendments. RCN amendments come into force on 1 July 2025.

**REVISION HISTORY**

**PART I. CLASSIFICATION**

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
<a href="#">Para 2.2.7</a> (new)	Floating offshore oil-and-gas product units Class notation	Requirements have been introduced regarding assignment of new descriptive notations	In compliance with Part I "Classification" of the OGE Rules

**PART III. EQUIPMENT, ARRANGEMENTS AND OUTFIT**

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
<a href="#">Paras 11.4</a> and <a href="#">11.6</a>	Floating offshore oil-and-gas product units Means of access	Requirements for openings and closing appliances have been updated	
<a href="#">Para 12.1</a>	Floating offshore oil-and-gas product units Arrangement and equipment of spaces	Application of requirements has been updated	
<a href="#">Paras 12.4</a> and <a href="#">12.5</a>	Floating offshore oil-and-gas product units Arrangement and equipment of spaces	Requirements have been updated regarding the height of guard rails, provision of covers for devices and machinery	
<a href="#">Para 12.6</a> (deleted)	Floating offshore oil-and-gas product units Arrangement and equipment of spaces	Requirements for spare parts of machinery, apparatus and other equipment have been deleted. Para 12.7 has been renumbered 12.6	
<a href="#">Para 13.2</a>	Floating offshore oil-and-gas product units Emergency outfit	Requirements for storage of fire fighting equipment have been deleted	

## **PART I. CLASSIFICATION**

### **2 CLASS OF FPU**

#### **2.2 CLASS NOTATION**

**New para 2.2.7** is introduced reading as follows:

**"2.2.7** If FPU process equipment meets the requirements of the OGE Rules, the following descriptive notations may be added to the character of classification in accordance with 6.3.1 of Part I "General Regulations for Technical Supervision" of the OGE Rules:

**.1** in case of manufacture and mounting of oil-and-gas equipment under the Register technical supervision as well as under the Register technical supervision in service:

**drilling (RS)** — with a drilling rig fitted;

**subsea system (RS)** — with delivery of production from underwater production systems;

**subsea pipeline (RS)** — with delivery (offloading) of production via a subsea pipeline;

**oil production/treatment (RS)** — with an oil production and/or treatment system fitted;

**gas production/treatment (RS)** — with a gas and gas condensate production and/or treatment system fitted;

**oil and gas production/treatment (RS)** — with an oil and gas joint production and/or treatment system fitted;

**.2** in case of manufacture and mounting of oil-and-gas equipment without the Register technical supervision, but under the Register technical supervision in service, the symbol **(RS)** is deleted from descriptive notations."

## **PART III. EQUIPMENT, ARRANGEMENTS AND OUTFIT**

### **11 OPENINGS IN HULL, SUPERSTRUCTURES, DECKHOUSES AND THEIR CLOSING APPLIANCES**

**Para 11.4** is replaced by the following text:

**"11.4** Access to cofferdams, ballast tanks, cargo tanks and other spaces in cargo area shall be direct from the open deck.

For access through horizontal openings, hatches or manholes, the dimensions shall be sufficient to allow a person with a self-contained air-breathing apparatus and protective equipment to ascend or descend any stairway without obstruction and also to hoist of an injured person. The minimum clear opening shall be not less than 600 × 600 mm.

For access through vertical openings or manholes, providing passage through the length and breadth of space, the minimum clear opening shall be not less than 600 × 800 mm at a height of not more than 600 mm from the bottom shell or plating to the lower edge of the opening, unless gratings or other footholds are provided."

**Para 11.6** is amended as follows:

**"11.6** Openings in the FPU watertight subdivision bulkheads and their closing appliances shall meet the requirements of 7.12 of Part III "Equipment, Arrangements and Outfit" of the Rules for the Classification.

Doors in those bulkheads shall be remotely operated from the central control station on the deck, which is above the damage waterline after flooding.

~~Water and gastight~~ Weathertight doors made of steel shall be fitted in superstructures, the doors meeting the requirements of 2.1.3.1 of Part VI "Fire Protection" of the Rules for the Classification shall be fitted in inner spaces.

~~The detachable panels of doors used as an emergency exit shall be dimensioned at least 400 × 500 mm."~~

## **12 ARRANGEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF SPACES**

**Para 12.1** is replaced by the following text:

"**12.1** The arrangement and equipment of spaces shall comply with the requirements given in Section 8 of Part III "Equipment, Arrangements and Outfit" of the Rules for the Classification as in the case of cargo ships, unless otherwise stated in this Part of the FPU Rules."

**Paras 12.4 and 12.5** are amended as follows:

"**12.4** Guard rails of open decks and working stations shall be four-rowed and of at least 1100 mm high, and in inner spaces, three-rowed and of at least 1000 mm high.

**12.5** ~~It is recommended to provide covers for deck machinery and devices shall be provided with covers."~~

**Para 12.6** is deleted. **Para 12.7** is renumbered **12.6**.

## **13 EMERGENCY OUTFIT**

**Para 13.2** is amended as follows:

"**13.2** Emergency outfit and fire fighting equipment shall be stored in specially equipped spaces with free access."

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