

# RULES

## FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS

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### RULE CHANGE NOTICE

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The present Rule Change Notice to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU Rules) (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 January 2025.

**REVISION HISTORY**

**PART II. HULL**

| Item                          | Applicability   | Description  | Remarks |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---------|
| <a href="#">Table 1.5.1.2</a> | Mobile offshore drilling units<br>Selection of steel grades for hull structures | Steel grades have been determined for hull structures thicker than 50 mm |         |

**PART VI. FIRE PROTECTION**

| Item                             | Applicability  | Description   | Remarks |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---------|
| <a href="#">Para 3.1.7 (new)</a> | Mobile offshore drilling units (MODU)<br>Gas fire extinction stations<br>Device for control of gas fire extinguishing medium mass in cylinders | Requirement has been introduced for methods of determining gas fire extinguishing medium mass in cylinders in the MODU gas fire extinction stations |         |

**PART II. HULL**

**1 GENERAL**

**1.5 MATERIALS**

Table 1.5.1.2 is amended as follows:

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| Structural elements | Steel grade for MODU | Design temperature of structural material, in °C |                   |                   |                   |                   |     |     |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|
|                     |                      | 0  | -10               | -20               | -30               | -40               | -50 | -60 |
|                     |                      | Max. thickness of structural element, in mm      |                   |                   |                   |                   |     |     |
| Secondary           | A                    | 30   | 20                | 10                | —                 | —                 | —   | —   |
|                     | B                    | <del>40</del> 60                                 | 30                | 20                | 10                | —                 | —   | —   |
|                     | D                    | <del>50</del> 100                                | 50                | 45                | 35                | 25                | 15  | —   |
|                     | E                    | <del>50</del> 100                                | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | 35  | 25  |
|                     | F                    | 50   | 50                | 50                | 50                | 50                | 50  | 45  |
|                     | A32, A36, A40        | 40   | 30                | 20                | 10                | —                 | —   | —   |
|                     | D32, D36, D40        | <del>50</del> 100                                | <del>50</del> 80  | <del>45</del> 60  | 35                | 25                | 15  | —   |
|                     | E32, F36, E40        | <del>50</del> 100                                | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>45</del> 100 | 35  | 25  |
|                     | F32, F36, F40        | <del>50</del> 100                                | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | 50  | 45  |
|                     | AH420, AH460, AH500  | <del>40</del> 60                                 | 25                | 10                | —                 | —                 | —   | —   |
|                     | DH420, DH460, DH500  | <del>50</del> 100                                | <del>45</del> 100 | <del>35</del> 80  | <del>25</del> 60  | 15                | —   | —   |
|                     | EH420, EH460, EH500  | <del>50</del> 100                                | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>45</del> 100 | 35                | 25  | 15  |
|                     | FH420, FH460, FH500  | <del>50</del> 100                                | <del>50</del> 100 | <del>50</del> 100 | 50                | 50                | 45  | 35  |

| Structural elements | Steel grade for MODU | Design temperature of structural material, in °C |       |       |      |     |     |     |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|                     |                      | 0  | -10   | -20   | -30  | -40 | -50 | -60 |
|                     |                      | Max. thickness of structural element, in mm      |       |       |      |     |     |     |
| Primary             | A                    | 20   | 10    | —     | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | B                    | 25   | 20    | 10    | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | D                    | 4560   | 40    | 30    | 20   | 10  | —   | —   |
|                     | E                    | 50100  | 50100 | 5080  | 4060 | 30  | 20  | —   |
|                     | F                    | 50   | 50    | 50    | 50   | 40  | 30  | 25  |
|                     | A32, A36, A40        | 25   | 20    | 10    | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | D32, D36, D40        | 45   | 40    | 30    | 20   | 10  | —   | —   |
|                     | E32, F36, E40        | 50100  | 5080  | 5060  | 40   | 30  | 20  | 15  |
|                     | F32, F36, F40        | 50100  | 50100 | 50100 | 50   | 50  | 40  | 30  |
|                     | AH420, AH460, AH500  | 20   | —     | —     | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | DH420, DH460, DH500  | 4560   | 35    | 25    | 15   | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | EH420, EH460, EH500  | 50100  | 50100 | 4580  | 3560 | 25  | 15  | —   |
|                     | FH420, FH460, FH500  | 50100  | 50100 | 50100 | 50   | 45  | 35  | 25  |

| Structural elements | Steel grade for MODU | Design temperature of structural material, in °C |       |      |      |     |     |     |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|-------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|                     |                      | 0  | -10   | -20  | -30  | -40 | -50 | -60 |
|                     |                      | Max. thickness of structural element, in mm      |       |      |      |     |     |     |
| Special             | A                    | 15   | —     | —    | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | B                    | 15   | —     | —    | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | D                    | 30   | 20    | 10   | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | E                    | 5060   | 4560  | 35   | 25   | 15  | —   | —   |
|                     | F                    | 50   | 50    | 50   | 45   | 35  | 25  | 15  |
|                     | A32, A36, A40        | 15   | —     | —    | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | D32, D36, D40        | 30   | 20    | 10   | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | E32, F36, E40        | 50100  | 45100 | 35   | 25   | 15  | —   | —   |
|                     | F32, F36, F40        | 50100  | 5080  | 5060 | 50   | 40  | 30  | 20  |
|                     | AH420, AH460, AH500  | —  | —     | —    | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | DH420, DH460, DH500  | 25   | 15    | —    | —    | —   | —   | —   |
|                     | EH420, EH460, EH500  | 5060   | 40    | 30   | 20   | 10  | —   | —   |
|                     | FH420, FH460, FH500  | 50100  | 50100 | 5080 | 4060 | 30  | 20  | 10  |

Notes: 1. For intermediate temperatures, linear interpolation is permissible.  
 2. Other steel grades may be used if their properties are considered sufficient to ensure the specified level of safety.  
 3. Steel grade selection for topsides is not regulated.

## PART VI. FIRE PROTECTION

### 3 FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

#### 3.1 GENERAL

New para 3.1.7 is introduced reading as follows:

"3.1.7 In the gas fire extinction stations, a device shall be provided for weighing cylinders or measuring level of gas extinguishing medium therein by the approved method, or on each cylinder an automatic device shall be installed for control of gas extinguishing medium mass and pressure."

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