

RULES

FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF FLOATING OFFSHORE OIL-AND-GAS PRODUCT UNITS

PART III

RADIO EQUIPMENT

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Rules for the Equipment of Floating Offshore Oil-and-Gas Product Units (FPU) of Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS, the Register) have been approved in accordance with the established approval procedure. The date of coming into force of the present Rules is 1 January 2023.

The Rules are published in the following parts:

Part I "Life-Saving Appliances";

Part II "Signal Means";

Part III "Radio Equipment";

Part IV "Navigational Equipment";

Part V "Equipment and Arrangements for Prevention of Pollution of the Environment".

The present Rules supplement the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships and Rules for the Classification and Construction of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units.

REVISION HISTORY

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1 GENERAL¹

1.1 The requirements of this Part apply to the radio equipment of floating offshore oil-and-gas product units (FPU) in addition to the requirements of Part IV "Radio Equipment" of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, unless otherwise specified.

¹ Application, definitions and explanations related to FPU are specified in Section 1 of Part I "Classification" of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Floating Offshore Oil-and-Gas Product Units.

2 LIST OF RADIO EQUIPMENT

2.1 Each FPU shall be provided with radio equipment, depending on the radio equipment complement of towing or escort vessel.

Where the towing or escort vessel is equipped in accordance with the requirements of Table 2.3 of the Guidelines on the Application of Provisions of Chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 74), FPU shall be provided with the following radio equipment:

- .1** VHF radio installation;
- .2** MF radio installation;
- .3** VHF EPIRB or satellite EPIRB depending on the sea area;
- .4** facilities for reception of maritime safety information depending on the sea area:
NAVTEX service receiver,
EGC receiver,
HF direct-printing radiotelegraph receiver.

Where the towing or escort vessel is not equipped in accordance with the requirements of Table 2.3 of the Guidelines on the Application of Provisions of Chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 74), FPU shall be provided with the full list of radio equipment meeting the requirements of Table 2.3 of the Guidelines on the Application of Provisions of Chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 74).

2.2 When FPU is in tow mode with no persons on board, the radio equipment specified in [2.1](#) may not be installed.

2.3 FPU in operating or severe storm condition shall be provided with the main and duplicating radio equipment. Completion of such equipment shall be determined in accordance with Table 2.3 of the Guidelines on the Application of Provisions of Chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 74), depending on the sea area of the FPU location.

2.4 Each FPU served by helicopters shall be provided with the two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus for communication with aircrafts.

2.5 Each FPU shall be provided with effective means of communication between the main machinery control room and any station or stations, which have means of radio equipment control.

2.6 FPU shall be fitted with a security alarm system.

2.7 All FPU radio equipment shall meet the technical requirements given in Appendix 3 to the Guidelines on the Application of Provisions of Chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 74).

2.8 The radio equipment installed in hazardous zones or being portable shall be of intrinsically safe type.

3 RADIO EQUIPMENT ARRANGEMENT

3.1 The control of radio equipment shall be carried out from the position where FPU is routinely controlled when in tow, and where a constant watch is kept while FPU is under operating or severe storm condition.

3.2 The duplicating radio equipment shall be arranged in a space, placed as far as possible from the location of the main radio equipment so that no single accident in any part of FPU could disable all means of radio communications.

3.3 If under operational conditions of FPU the acoustic noise level in spaces fitted with radio equipment is high and may interfere in the proper use of radio equipment, then the relevant noise protection shall be provided.

4 AERIALS

- 4.1** Transmitting aerials shall be located outside hazardous zones.
- 4.2** All transmitting and receiving aerials shall not be within 9 m from cargo crane booms and other high metal structures, which can give rise to screening effect.

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