
CERTIFICATION OF EXISTING OFFSHORE CONTAINERS

ABS offers certification services for existing offshore containers through the *ABS Guide for Certification of Offshore Containers* (ABS OC Guide). Certification of an existing offshore container is often at the request of the owner or operator, but may also be due to safety regulations mandated by local authorities. The ABS OC Guide addresses quality requirements, terms and conditions and markings, as well as procedures and requirements for ABS to certify an existing offshore container.

BENEFITS OF EXISTING OFFSHORE CONTAINER CERTIFICATION (EOC)

As the leading offshore classification organization, ABS has decades of experience qualifying containers for marine and offshore use. ABS is now applying that experience to certification of existing containers not previously certified at the manufacturing plant.

The ABS OC Guide provides a comprehensive list of procedures and requirements that align with industry standards that apply to the ABS certification of existing offshore containers.

Owners and operators electing to certify existing containers to the *ABS Guide for Certification of Offshore Containers* will experience:

- Faster engineering review turn-around time; approximately four (4) weeks per design and two (2) days for additional existing units to be certified under the approved design
- Greater surveyor coverage in key areas, such as the Gulf of Mexico
- Time and cost savings for OEMs and operators from more realistic material testing requirements
- Clear guidance on FEM beam element analysis by defining AISC code checks



ABS operates globally and in close proximity to locations where existing offshore container fleets are based. To learn more about ABS EOC certification, please contact your local ABS office or e-mail ABSContainers@eagle.org.