The following Rule Changes were approved by the ABS Rules Committee on 2 June 2011 and become **EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 JANUARY 2012**.

**Notes** - The date in the parentheses means the date that the Rule becomes effective for new construction based on the contract date for construction, unless otherwise noted. (See 1-1-4/3.3 of the ABS Rules for Conditions of Classification (Part 1).)

**SECTION 16 EQUIPMENT**

**16.1 General (2012)**

(Add the following paragraph at the end of Subsection 28.1.)

Equipment Number calculations for unconventional vessels with unique topside arrangements or operational profiles may be specially considered. Such consideration may include accounting for additional wind areas of widely separated deckhouses or superstructures in the equipment number calculations or equipment sizing based on direct calculations. However, in no case may direct calculations be used to reduce the equipment size to be less than that required by 16.2.

**16.2 Unrestricted Service Equipment Weight and Size (2012)**

(Revise definition of “A” and add new figure, as follows.)

\[ A = \text{profile area, in m}^2 \text{ (ft}^2\text{), of the hull, superstructure and houses above the summer load waterline which are within the Rule length. Superstructures or deck houses having a breadth at any point no greater than } 0.25B \text{ may be excluded. Screens and bulwarks more than } 1.5 \text{ m (4.9 ft) in height are to be regarded as parts of houses when calculating } h \text{ and } A. \text{ The height of the hatch coamings and that of any deck cargo, such as containers, may be disregarded when determining } h \text{ and } A. \text{ With regard to determining } A, \text{ when a bulwark is more than } 1.5 \text{ m (4.9 ft) high, the area shown below as } A_2 \text{ should be included in } A. \]

![Diagram of profile area calculation](image-url)