

GUIDE FOR BUILDING AND CLASSING

MOBILE OFFSHORE UNITS

JULY 2008

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The following Rule Changes were approved by the ABS Rules Committee on 19 December 2016 and become **EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 JANUARY 2017**.

(See <http://www.eagle.org> for the consolidated version of the Guide for Building and Classing Mobile Offshore Units 2008, with all Notices and Corrigenda incorporated.)

Notes - The date in the parentheses means the date that the Rule becomes effective for new construction based on the contract date for construction. (See 1-1-4/3.3 of the ABS Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units and Structures (Part 1).)

CHAPTER 8 SPECIFIC UNIT TYPES

SECTION 4 DRILLING TENDERS

(Add new Subsection 8-4/8, as follows:)

8 Emergency Shutdown Arrangements (2017)

Arrangements are to be provided for the shutdown of electrical equipment as per 4-3-5/7 of the *MODU Rules*. Guidance for the recommended sequence of emergency shutdowns is to be included in the unit's Operating Manual.

(Add new Subsection 8-4/11 and 8-4/Table 1, as follows:)

11 Fire Protection for Mud Processing Areas and Mud Tanks (2017)

If the drilling tender is fitted with mud processing areas and mud tanks, additional fire protection is required in accordance with the *MODU Rules* as detailed in 8-4/Table 1.

TABLE 1
Additional Fire Protection (2017)

	<i>Section of MODU Rules</i>
Fixed Fire Extinguishing Systems	5-2-3/1.3.2
Fire Detection	5-2-5/1.1.5
Mud Tank Alarm	5-2-5/1.7
Gas Detection and Alarm System	5-2-5/3
Hydrogen Sulfide Detection and Alarm	5-2-5/5
Respiratory Protection for Hydrogen Sulfide	5-2-5/7.3
One Emergency Control Station	5-3-1/7