

GUIDE FOR BUILDING AND CLASSING

DRILLSHIPS AUGUST 2011

NOTICE NO. 3 – August 2017

The following Rule Changes were approved by the ABS Rules Committee on 28 July 2017 and become **EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 AUGUST 2017**.

(See <http://www.eagle.org> for the consolidated version of the Guide for Building and Classing Drillships, 2011 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, unless otherwise noted. (See 1-1-4/3.3 of the ABS Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units and Structures (Part 1).)

SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

1 General

(Revise Paragraph 1/1.15, as follows:)

1.15 Loading Guidance (Operating Manual) (1 August 2017)

The drillship is to be provided with a loading manual and a loading instrument as required by 3-2-1/7 and Appendix 3-2-A2 of the *Steel Vessel Rules* for a Category 1 Vessel.

SECTION 7 TOPSIDE AND HULL INTERFACE STRUCTURES

3 Topside Structures

3.5 Strength Assessment

(Revise Subparagraph 7/3.5.3, as follows:)

3.5.3 Plated Structures (1 August 2017)

For plated structures subject to biaxial stresses, the members shall be designed according to the Von-Mises equivalent stress criterion specified in *MODU Rules* 3-2-1/3.11 and *MODU Rules* Appendix 3-2-A3 for local highly stressed area.