

GUIDE FOR

PORTABLE ACCOMMODATION MODULES JANUARY 2013

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The following Rule Changes become **EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 MAY 2014**.

(See <http://www.eagle.org> for the consolidated version of the Guide for Portable Accommodation Modules 2013, 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

(Revise Subsection 1/5, as follows:)

5 Application (1 May 2014)

This Guide is intended for accommodation modules installed onboard ABS-classed vessels or offshore units.

Industrial modules in which people normally work (laboratories, workshops, wireline units, mudloggers, ROV control rooms, etc.) need not comply with this Guide so long as the modules are unmanned during heavy weather and sufficient space for the entire complement of personnel assigned to work in the unit(s) is provided in a deckhouse, superstructure, or module complying fully with applicable structural requirements. A notice indicating the same is to be affixed to the module.

Industrial modules are to comply with Appendix 7-2-A2 of the ABS *MODU Rules* or Appendix 7-A-17 of the *ABS Rules for Survey After Construction (Part 7)*, as applicable.

Non-sleeping accommodation modules are to comply with this Guide. However, the structural requirements of this Guide need not apply so long as the same conditions listed above for industrial modules are met. If non-sleeping accommodation modules are stacked, the stacking arrangements are to be reviewed and surveyed in accordance with this Guide.

Containers or portable buildings provided for storage or to house miscellaneous industrial equipment need not be considered class items. This Guide may be applied on a voluntary basis. The equipment installed in such containers or portable buildings may however be subject to additional requirements within other ABS Rules. Equipment essential to the operation of the vessel is not considered miscellaneous industrial equipment.

This Guide is not applicable to modular buildings which protect against down flooding or those considered buoyant in stability or load line calculations.

This Guide is not applicable to accommodation modules intended for Passenger Vessels or Special Purpose Ships carrying more than 60 persons. Modules intended for installation onboard this type of vessel are subject to additional requirements and will be considered on a case by case basis.

This Guide is intended for modules generally not to exceed length, width, and height dimensions of 14 × 4.9 × 3 m (46 × 16 × 10 ft).

b) US Units (ft)

<i>Vessel Type</i>	<i>Unprotected front, lowest tier</i>	<i>Side, Aft end, Protected front, lowest tier</i>	<i>Unprotected front, other than lowest tier</i>	<i>Protected front, Sides, and Aft ends, other than lowest tier</i>
SEDU	36.1 ⁽²⁾	23.0 ⁽²⁾	3.3	3.3
CSDU	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
OSV ⁽¹⁾	32.5	13.1	9.8	6.7
Barge ⁽¹⁾	32.3	19.4	16.1	9.7
Tanker/FPSO/Drillship	55.2	27.4	12.8	9.7

Notes:

- 1 A 90 m (295 ft) OSV and barge were considered. For larger vessels a higher “h” may be appropriate
- 2 (1 May 2014) For Portable Accommodation Modules installed on the lowest tier SEDUs “h” may be taken as 1 m (3.3 ft) if the Modules are unmanned while afloat. However, the full design head should be considered for securing to the deck.