

GUIDE FOR

ENHANCED FIRE PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2013

NOTICE NO. 2 – May 2018

The following Rule Changes were approved by the ABS Rules Committee on 1 May 2018 and become **EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 MAY 2018**.

(See <http://www.eagle.org> for the consolidated version of the Guide for Enhanced Fire Protection Arrangements 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. (See 1-1-4/3.3 of the ABS Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units and Structures (Part 1).)

CHAPTER 2 ACCOMMODATIONS

SECTION 3 FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEM

1 General

(Revise Paragraph 2-3/1.5, as follows:)

1.5 Fire Detectors (1 May 2018)

Unless specifically approved otherwise, smoke detectors incorporating both photoelectric and ionization smoke detection sensors or other detection methods equally effective are to be utilized. However, heat detectors may be used where the above smoke detectors are determined not to be effective or would result in nuisance alarms.

CHAPTER 3 MACHINERY SPACES

SECTION 5 FIXED LOCAL APPLICATION FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS

(Revise Subsection 3-5/9, as follows:)

9 Automatic Release (1 May 2018)

Automatic release for the local fixed fire extinguishing system is to be provided and is to comply with the following:

- i)* The automatic release arrangements are to be operational even when the vessel is without main power, but not necessarily in the dead ship condition. In a dead ship condition, manual release from a readily accessible position is considered acceptable.
- ii)* Not less than three detectors are to be provided for each protected area.
- iii)* The automatic release arrangements are to comply with paragraph 3.1.5 of IMO MSC.1/Circ.1387.
- iv)* All detectors are to be approved by a nationally recognized organization.