

GUIDE FOR BUILDING AND CLASSING

LNG REGASIFICATION VESSELS

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The following 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 Building and Classing LNG Regasification Vessels 2017, 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 (Part 1).)

FOREWORD

(Revise Foreword, as follows:)

Foreword (1 May 2018)

The industry and ABS share a large and successful body of experience with Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) carriers.

This Guide provides criteria that can be applied to LNG Carriers and LNG Barges proposed to be classed by utilizing the *ABS Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels*, *ABS Guide for Building and Classing Liquefied Gas Carriers with Independent Tanks*, and/or *ABS Rules for Building and Classing Steel Barges* and fitted with regasification systems and components.

(Following text remains unchanged.)

SECTION 1 SCOPE AND CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION

(Revise Subsection 1/1, as follows:)

1 Scope and Application (1 May 2018)

This Guide has been developed to provide guidance for the design, construction, and survey of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) vessels utilizing regasification systems. The Guide focuses on systems and arrangements provided for the safe delivery of natural gas by means of regasification systems. The Guide applies to LNG vessel types that fall under the scope of the IGC Code and associated ABS requirements for Vessels Intended to Carry Liquefied Gases in Bulk under Part 5C, Chapter 8 of the *ABS Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels (Steel Vessel Rules)*, the *ABS Guide for Building and Classing Liquefied Gas Carriers with Independent Tanks (LGC Guide)*, or the *ABS Rules for Building and Classing Steel Barges (Barge Rules)*.

In general, vessels are to comply with the requirements contained in the ABS requirements for Vessels Intended to Carry Liquefied Gases in Bulk under Part 5C, Chapter 8 of the *Steel Vessel Rules*, the *LGC Guide*, or the *Barge Rules*, as applicable, and the requirements of this Guide to receive the notations listed in Subsection 1/3.

This Guide applies to both new construction and existing vessel conversions, regardless of size, utilizing regasification systems.

(Revise Subsection 1/3, as follows:)

3 Classification Notations (1 May 2018)

Vessels that comply with this Guide and are intended to operate in a regasification and gas discharge role, are eligible for ABS classification which will be denoted with the additional notation **(LNG) R**, so that the class notation as it appears in the *Record* will be:

☒ A1 Liquefied Gas Carrier, (LNG) R or **☒ A1 Liquefied Gas Tank Barge, (LNG) R**

☒ A1 Liquefied Gas Carrier with Independent Tanks, (LNG) R